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DEBATE ON THRONE SPEECH WILL BE CUT DOWN THIS SESSION

Premier Ready to Dispense
With Chief Time Waster if
Opposition Agrees

Usual Long Discussion of
Generalities May be Com-
pressed Here as in Ottawa

The Debate on the Speech from the Throne, usually the Legislature's chief time waster, may be cut down to slender proportions during the present session. A move to this end got under way to-day when Premier Oliver indicated that if the Opposition would agree to it the Government would be glad to shorten the debate to a minimum, but as the debate on the Ottawa Speech from the Throne was cut down recently to a few hours.

"If the Opposition will agree to it," the Premier said, "I am prepared to discuss the possibility of disposing with the debate in its usual form. So far as I am concerned, the debate can be reduced to a narrow compass. I don't know, however, what Mr. Pooley, the Opposition Leader thinks about it."

DEBATE ON OPPOSITION

The Premier's statement was accepted as a gesture to the Opposition to co-operate with the Government in saving the House's time. If anything comes of this move, the debate would be cut to three or four speeches, including that of the Premier, the Opposition Leader and a member from each side with perhaps a brief contribution by independent members. Only two days would be required for such an argument and the House could get down to business without the usual delay of weeks or so. The Budget Debate would offer the members full opportunity to discuss any matters which did not come up in the ordinary course of business.

SINCLAIR AND FALL ARE TO STAND TRIAL

Naval Oil Reserve Conspiracy
Hearing to Start in Wash-
ington February 2

Washington, Dec. 23.—Harry F. Sinclair and Albert B. Fall must stand trial on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the leasing of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve, Justice Jennings ruled in the District of Columbia Supreme Court to-day in refusing to quash the indictment against them.

Immediately after the ruling, the two defendants were arraigned and pleaded not guilty and February 2 was set as the date of the trial.

SPECIAL COUNSEL

Justice Bailey ignored the plea that the Government was unwisely indulging the two men out for unusual prosecution through the appointment at the request of the Senate of special counsel to conduct the trial. Last week Fall was acquitted with Edward L. Doheny in a conspiracy case investigating the lease of the Elk Hills Naval oil reserve, but to-day's formalities turned the first occasion for the appearance for trial of Sinclair.

Fall formerly was United States Secretary of the Interior.

BRIBE ALLEGED

The Teapot Dome case is a large issue revolves about the Continental Trading Company Ltd. of Canada, in which Sinclair and others were interested. The sum of \$250,000 in Liberty Bonds was loaned from the company to Fall's bank account in New Mexico. The Government contends this passing of bonds to Fall was in the nature of a bribe.

USE OF ELECTRICITY IN B.C. GROWING

Increase in Year More Than
Ten Per Cent, Says Com-
pany President

London, Dec. 23 (Canadian Press Cable).—George Kidd of Vancouver, president of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, presiding at the annual meeting of the company here, said the results of the business for the year ended June 30, 1926, had been eminently satisfactory. This was especially true, he said, considering the substantial reduction that had been made in the commercial and domestic consumption charges. The company's relations with the local authorities and the public, he said, were harmonious, and this was particularly reflected in the absorption of the securities of the company in the area served.

USE OF ELECTRICITY

The average annual increase in the consumption of electricity had been eight per cent, Mr. Kidd stated, but last year it had exceeded ten per cent. If such increase were continued, he added, it would involve the doubling of the hydro-electric plants every eight or ten years.

A resolution was passed at the meeting increasing the share capital by \$20,000 shares.

GREATER VICTORIA WILL GET \$48,351 IN LIQUOR MONEY

City and Surrounding Muni-
cipalities to Receive Sub-
stantial Christmas Box

Government Gives \$419,194
to Municipalities; Year's
Total \$915,496

Greater Victoria's share of Christmas liquor profits now being distributed by the Provincial Finance Department under Hon J. D. MacLean, Minister of Finance, will be \$48,351, it was announced to-day.

Out of this the city itself will receive \$30,503; Esquimalt, \$2,792; Oak Bay, \$4,355, and Saanich, \$10,701.

These sums represent the municipalities' share of liquor profits on Government liquor store operations for the six months ending September 30 last.

CHRISTMAS CHECKS OUT

Checks covering every municipality's share of these profits are being prepared now and will be in municipal hands before the end of the year.

Altogether, the Government is distributing \$419,194 to the municipalities at this time out of six months' profits totalling \$1,555,524. The rest of the profits are divided as follows: Consolidated Government revenue, \$59,849; hospitals, \$117,654; mothers' pensions, \$280,048; reserve fund, \$77,776.

TOTAL IS LARGE

In the previous six months the municipalities received \$496,302 but this margin over the present distribution is accounted for by the inclusion of annual beer licenses issued at the beginning of every year. Altogether this year the Government has given the municipalities \$915,496 in liquor profits.

DONATIONS STILL ASKED FOR NEEDY

Salvation Army and Friendly
Help Urge Public to Provide
Christmas Cheer

With the town a busy beehive of shoppers and everyone preparing for Christmas enjoyment, the Salvation Army and Friendly Help are working to the utmost to secure a bit of the happiness for the many families in need.

Unless they receive some assistance by donations or financial gifts Christmas to these families will only be a reason where their distress is accentuated by contrast with the happy celebrations of the citizens.

For many weeks now the aid organizations have been hard at work to procure help for the unfortunate. Many families have been materially assisted and have been provided with food and proper clothing, but there are still many whom the societies have not yet been able to help. The Salvation Army is in need of funds for the supplying of Christmas hampers to 175 families. The list is growing steadily and the industrial department of the Army makes a plea for all aid possible from the residents of the city. Not only financial aid is needed, but groceries and clothing are just as acceptable.

The Friendly Help of the Market Building, Miss Mary R. Lawson, the secretary-treasurer, announced to-day, will close to-morrow at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. She makes an urgent appeal for donations to be given before that time. One of the most pressing needs of the society just now is a single bed and mattress. Unless this is procured, many unfortunate will spend their Christmas without a proper bed to lie upon. This morning the society purchased from funds received a stove for another pressing case. Any sort of donation is welcomed toward alleviating the pinch and want of those poor who are not provided for. More and more cases are brought to the notice of the society every day, and unless the help of the city's residents is forthcoming, the suffering will not be relieved in time for the festive season.

Christ Church is also helping and will hold the annual Christmas Tree service on Christmas Eve in 730 Cathedral when gifts will be brought to the illuminated tree in the chancel and afterwards distributed to needy families in the parish. The Christmas story will be read, the church will be prettily decorated, and other features will give this annual event the interest it has always held for old and young alike. Gifts of food, clothing, toys, etc., will be used to make up Christmas boxes for over twenty families.

SUICIDE IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 23.—Harrison Spencer McKillop, forty-two, a native of Hamilton, Ont., but latterly a resident of New York, shot and killed himself last night. He was the third American to commit suicide in Paris in a month.

URGED TO RETURN NOW TO ROUMANIA



EX-CROWN PRINCE CAROL

King Ferdinand of Rumania, when informing his Ministers a few days ago of his desire to abdicate, intimated he wished Carol, his eldest son, to be restored the right to the throne he renounced a year ago and return to Rumania as the people's ruler. The outcome of this new movement is now awaited with some interest, as the Rumanian people are divided into two factions. The picture above is the latest of Carol received in Victoria from Paris, where he is living.

TRUCK SMASHED IN DOWN TOWN WRECK

Driver Escapes Miraculously
From Injury; Express Badly
Damaged

A. R. Smart, driving an express wagon on Pandora Avenue this morning, ran in front of a B.C. Electric street car and narrowly missed serious injury when the truck he was driving was badly damaged. Smart was a little dazed immediately after the impact, but in a minute was on his feet and out of the mass of twisted and broken car wreckage. Flying glass, of which there was abundance, did not hurt him, and he escaped without a scratch.

The police patrol, with Constable George Clark attending, rushed to the scene. Ten minutes after the crash the police had cleared the tracks and traffic proceeded as usual.

The patrol wagon towed the wrecked truck from the middle of the road to the curb and the driver took it in charge there. It was hopelessly wrecked, the front wheels buckled on their axle, the left rear wheel smashed and the whole fore part of machine twisted and broken in many places. The body also suffered. After the impact the truck was pushed about ten to twelve feet.

The driver of the street car was Ben Soper.

Poison Plot Was Frustrated

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—When Mrs. William C. Stewart looked under the bed last night as a precaution against burglars she frustrated what the police declared was a plot to end the lives of her and her husband by means of a poisonous gas.

Under the bed Mrs. Stewart discovered a gas bottle standing in a pan. The cork was jerked suddenly from the bottle by a wire which ran under the house and up through the floor.

As the contents of the bottle spilled out into the pan yellow fumes filled the room. Mrs. Stewart called the police. The bottle, upon examination, was found to contain an acid and the pan another chemical, which, when combined, police declared, form a poisonous gas that would have been deadly to the Stewarts.

Man Cleared of Suspicion After Death in Montreal

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The charge against Emile Lacombe of Calgary, who was brought to Montreal in connection with the death of David Hart on October 8 last, was dismissed when he appeared in police court here to-day. Hart died after being struck in the face by a man said to have been dressed in cowboy garb.

Lacombe, a prairie ranchman, was released after Samuel Goldberg, young newspaper vendor, and Arthur Willemare had testified he was not the man who had struck Hart.

At the time of the tragedy young Goldberg told the police the man he had seen strike Hart was a cowboy, and the description he gave led to the bringing of Lacombe to Montreal.

CANADAINS TO HAVE REINDEER INDUSTRY

Company to Move 5,000
Animals From Alaska to the
Mackenzie River Basin

Meat to be Shipped South and
Distributed to Points in
Canada

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Development of an extensive reindeer industry on the plains of the Mackenzie River basin in the Canadian Northwest Territories is believed to have received its initial impetus in the formation of the Dominion Reindeer Company Limited, a concern capitalized at \$500,000, with headquarters at Vancouver, according to a Vancouver newspaper.

"Under another name," says the newspaper to-day, "principals of the company for some years have operated in Alaska, but recognizing the more advantageous character of the Canadian North, decided to transfer the herd of 5,000 animals, including 1,000 cows and 500 bulls, to a range near Great Slave Lake."

Directors of the company are T. J. Howard, president; L. R. Hovig, Elia Howard, J. R. Hovig and A. A. Mandelkow, all of Vancouver.

SHIPPING PLANS

President T. J. Howard pointed out the advantages to be derived from such a move, according to the newspaper.

"At the present time," he said, "shipment of meat can be made from Nome for only about three months of the year. The rest of the time the port is frozen up. By moving the herd to the vicinity of the waterways at Great Slave or the Athabasca Lakes, we shall be able to ship meat to the coast all year around for six or seven months each year."

"We have in the Arctic and sub-Arctic the largest and most potentially productive reindeer grazing lands in the world. The variety of plants that grow there is far greater than is generally realized, but this class of pasturage is suitable for only one domestic animal—the reindeer."

ANIMALS IMPORTED

"The industry began in 1892, when 171 animals were imported from Lapland, and during the next ten years imports to Alaska totaled 1,280," said Mr. Howard. "To-day there are about 500,000 head, so the herds have been doubling every three years, almost, at the same time ten per cent for butchering. This rapid increase is due to two factors: one that reindeer breed frequently and the other, that the exceptional hardness of the fawns, which only a few hours after birth are strong and fleet of foot."

"Requiring no shelter during the coldest weather, they are healthy animals, and being the only creatures that can be raised independently of man's labor, the cost of maintenance is very low. At the present time the cost to produce a full grown reindeer is about \$1."

YOSHINO LOSES IN HIS FIGHT FOR LIFE

Physicians Say Japanese
Emperor Losing Strength;
Suffering With Pneumonia

Tokyo, Dec. 23.—The condition of Emperor Yoshihito was officially reported to be somewhat worse in a bulletin issued at 9:30 o'clock to-night. His pulse was irregular and his temperature higher than heretofore. High court officials were called to the bedside, indicating a serious turn in his illness.

The Emperor is suffering with pneumonia.

Word from England yesterday said Prince Chichibu, second son of the Emperor, had sailed for New York on his way home. He is to come by way of San Francisco.

Santa Claus Now Beardless; Flames Cause Disaster

When pupils of Division 4 of the Chemsuin School were enjoying a party at which Santa Claus was present, distributing a number of gifts to the scholars, they were suddenly paralyzed with horror when the jolly old man was enveloped in flames. A candle flame caught on the long silver hair of his beard, and leaving a trail of smoke behind him the crest-fallen Santa Nicholas rushed for the water tap near at hand where he quelled the smoldering beard.

The class teacher proceeded with the distribution of the toys which Santa had brought to the schoolhouse.

TWO COUNTY JUDGES NAMED

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Two vacancies on the bench have been filled by the Federal Government. W. G. Owen of Stratford, Ontario, has been appointed judge of the county court of Bruce County, Ontario, succeeding Judge Klein, retired. Jasper N. Fish of Regina has been appointed to the vacancy in the district court of Weyburn which was created by the death of Judge Wood.

SHIRRAS NEW B.C. POLICE SERGEANT

Former Nanaimo Chief Given
Provincial Post in District
of Vancouver

Earned Great Credit in Bring-
ing Nanaimo Bank Robbers
to Justice

Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—John Shirras, formerly chief of the Nanaimo city police force, has been appointed sergeant in charge of the Vancouver detachment of the Provincial Police, with headquarters in Vancouver, to assume duty January 1. Notification of this appointment was received by him from Victoria.

Sergeant Shirras joined the Nanaimo city police force in 1912. The Provincial Police force took over the policing of Nanaimo a few months ago.

Chief Constable Shirras's work in connection with the \$42,000 bank robbery, for which all but one of the bandits is in jail, is understood to be one of the reasons he was singled out for his new appointment.

DEATH INVESTIGATED IN TEACUP CITY

Inquest on Body of K. W. Mc-
Leod of Montreal, Who Fell
From Vancouver Hotel

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Kenneth W. McLeod, twenty-three, of Montreal, member of a prominent Eastern Canadian family, fell to his death from the window of his room on the ninth floor of the Hotel Vancouver early last evening.

Held for investigation, Reginald C. Burdick of Victoria, twenty-three, agent the night in a cell and was released by the police in the custody of his father, A. C. Burdick, this morning. He will give evidence at the inquest to be held at the city morgue Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The tragedy came to light last evening when Reginald Burdick notified the police. City Detectives W. G. Grant and R. McLeod responded to a call sent to the authorities.

The young McLeod lying dead on the roof of the single-story laundry wing of the hotel. He had fallen ninety feet and death must have been instantaneous, he was declared by Dr. H. Wackendorfer.

Notified by the police, Coroner W. D. Brydson-Jack ordered the body removed to the city morgue.

SHARES IN COMPANY BOUGHT AT \$2.040

Texas Pacific Land Trust
Makes Record on New York
Stock Exchange

New York, Dec. 23.—Jumping as much as 100 points on scores of floating shares, Texas Pacific Land Trust Company stock to-day achieved the distinction of being the first issue to sell above \$2,000 a share on the New York Stock Exchange.

Less than a hundred shares changed hands in the forenoon trading, with the price mounting from \$1,800 to \$2,040. Early this morning the shares were quoted low as \$310. The discovery of potash on the company's properties and a large increase in revenue from mineral and oil lands stimulated demand for the stock, which is closely held.

Less than \$2,000,000 of stock is outstanding and the small floating share issue was further reduced by the purchase and retirement of certificates.

Britain Expects Cold Christmas

London, Dec. 23 (Canadian Press Cable).—Snowstorms and cold weather in Scotland are likely to spread southward, so possibly what is known as an old-fashioned English Christmas may be experienced here when the families gather around the blazing firesides in the night time and may be aroused by a rush of "many waters." Betokening burst pipes as a result of the frost, English households usually take chances on waterpipes freezing instead of taking precautions against such mishaps.

FIRE IN WINNIPEG CAUSE OF THREE FIREMEN'S DEATHS

Another Fireman Dying as
Result of Collapse of Walls
and Roof of Theatre

Nine Men Suffering From In-
juries; Property Loss Placed
at \$125,000

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Three firemen lost their lives, one is dying and nine are suffering from injuries as the result of a fire which destroyed the Winnipeg Theatre, one of the city's landmarks, to-day. The men were caught when the walls and roof caved in.

One body, that of Donald Melville, has been recovered, and a search is being made for the two others, those of Robert Shearer and Robert Stewart.

The fatally injured man is Alex Smith.

R. C. Kirk is seriously injured. Arthur Ewart, Brown, J. D. Brass, David Williamson, H. Gilmore, E. V. Arthur, R. Turner and E. Bruff are the other injured men.

The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

ONE MADE ESCAPE

Frederick Hall, a fireman who was with the missing men inside the building, fought his way out to safety through the falling walls and told his comrades the remainder of the squad had been trapped in the building, then a seething furnace. He said the men were endeavoring to make their way upstairs with the hose when the roof and walls collapsed on top of them.

CITIZENS URGED TO SAVE GOODWILL BY JUSTICE PLEA

Public Invited to Hear Facts
of Case Concerning Con-
demned Canadian

Copies of communications from the British Embassy, Washington, D.C., to His Excellency the Governor-General, and from the British Consul at Los Angeles to His Majesty's minister at Washington, have been received by the Goodwill Defence Committee from the Secretary of State, Ottawa.

These letters, the committee says, are an unqualified endorsement of the action taken by the committee, further substantiating the expressed belief in Goodwill's innocence and urging the raising of a fund to provide adequate defence.

All information will be given at the public meeting to be held to-night, at 8 o'clock, in the Chamber of Commerce Hall. Joseph Patrick, past president of the Canadian Club, will be in the chair, and it is hoped that citizens will be there in force to give increased impetus to the effort which must be made in the interests of justice for a native son, condemned by a U.S. court.

Much valuable time is being wasted by the committee in repeated reviews of the case to individuals and essential work is retarded in consequence. The committee appeals to Victorians to put aside their own personal affairs for a brief period to-night and interest themselves in the plight of the condemned man, and a British subject.

LAST GRAIN SHIPS OF SEASON GO DOWN THE ST. LAWRENCE

Quebec, Dec. 23.—The third and last convoy of ocean-bound grain-laden ships descending the St. Lawrence from Quebec this winter left port this morning in the wake of the big ice-breaker Mikula, bound for European ports. The three vessels are the Laval County, bound for Havre, France, and the Novadoc and New Brunswick, both for Queenstown, Ireland. The departure of to-day's convoy rings down the curtain on one of the longest seasons of navigation recorded for the port of Quebec.

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Christmas Spirit In Times Big Issue Friday This Week

Instead of Saturday, The Times big edition will be published on Friday, Christmas Eve, this week. Full of appropriate features and pictures breathing the Christmas spirit, The Times supplement to-morrow will prove of great interest. Complete stories, articles from all parts of the world, special cables from the Old Country, extra women's pages and sport pages are as usual included.

It will have a great appeal to the children, too. There are delightful Christmas stories on the children's page. In the comic section Chester Gump and Santa Claus have a thrilling experience. Joe and V's Christmas celebrations are also interesting.

The Christmas programme of Victoria churches are published on the two church pages.

JUDGE REFUSES ORDER TO CLEAR CHRIS MOELLER

Application to Chief Justice Hunter for Sailing Papers
for Power Schooner With Liquor Now Moored at
Victoria Wharf Fails; Judge Says Minister of Customs Has Doubts About Ship

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Because the Minister of Customs of Canada questioned the bona fides of a consignment on the power-schooner Chris Moeller of liquor valued at \$350,000 to San Blas, Mexico, Chief Justice Hunter to-day in the Supreme Court here refused a writ of mandamus against Collector of Customs, F. W. Davey of Victoria to compel the official to grant clearance to the vessel.

The Chief Justice also expressed the opinion that the case was one which should be heard in the Exchequer Court of Canada for the reason that an order was sought against an officer of the Government and the ship and liquor were in possession of the Government.

"The Government thinks it is not a bona fide voyage and that it is to be bootlegged here or in the United States," commented the Chief Justice.

Stuart Henderson, counsel for Capt. Arthur Lilly, master of the Chris Moeller, and for her charterers, the Eastern Freighters Limited, stated that should not concern the court.

"What does it matter if it is to be bootlegged in the United States? It is to be bootlegged in the States," he declared.

When pronouncing judgment, the Chief Justice said he had heard enough to know the question of bona fides had been raised and the court would not decide that issue on mandamus proceedings. He added he was not deciding the matter on its merits.

DESTINATION ADMITTED

To give counsel for the Chris Moeller and the consignees of the cargo time to consider their next step the Chief Justice directed his judgment should not be entered until after the Christmas vacation.

The application was based on the contention that the vessel was being held illegally in violation of the Customs Act of Canada having been complied with.

An affidavit by R. M. Morgan, president of the Eastern Freighters Limited, and one by Capt. Lilly of the Chris Moeller, setting forth the case for the applicants, had been filed in support of the application.

NEW CONTROL FOR WALKER DISTILLERY

Deal in Ontario to Lead to
Operation of \$15,000,000
Concern

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 23.—The following statement was given to the Canadian Press to-day by an official of Hiram Walker and Sons Limited: "Announcement is made by Hiram Walker, president, and managing director of Hiram Walker and Sons Limited, that negotiations which for some time have been pending with Sir Mortimer Davies Lord Shaftesbury of Montreal for the acquisition by them of the shares of the capital stock of Hiram Walker and Sons Limited have failed to materialize and have been terminated between them."

"Subsequent negotiations with an independent syndicate headed by H. C. Hatch of Toronto have been in progress for the past few days and a tentative agreement has been reached, but the details can not yet be announced."

A BIG DEAL

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Toronto Evening Telegram says in its news column to-day:

"At 11 o'clock last night in Walkerville, H. C. Hatch, president of the Gooderham and Worts Distillery of Toronto, signed papers by which the Hiram Walker Distillery at Walkerville is acquired for \$15,000,000.

"There will be no merger of the two distilleries, but they will be operated in conjunction with each other and the purchase price has been financed and the remainder, \$4,000,000, has been underwritten by a New York house and will be offered to the public early in the New Year."

"It is understood the capital of the Walker Distillery will be \$10,000,000 in common stock.

"By this deal ownership of the distillery is transferred from the United States to Canada."

THE TORONTO STAR SAYS:

"The deal was consummated in the Toronto office last evening. Neither Gooderham and Worts nor the Canadian Industrial Alcohol Company were the purchasers. The purchasers were H. C. Hatch, president of Gooderham and Worts, and his associates, and the purchase was financed by a group closely allied with Gooderham and Worts."

"Mr. Hatch, confirming the deal, stated Gooderham and Worts were not putting any cash into the transaction."

BRITISH TREASURY DEFICIT REPORTED

At End of Third Quarter of
1926 It was £14,753,300,
State Officials

London, Dec. 23.—The British Treasury deficit at the end of the third quarter of 1926 was £14,753,300, an amount which treasury experts consider normal as the final months of the year are most productive for tax collection. Last year's deficit at the end of the third quarter was £14,355,442.

Treasury officials stated the total budget deficit of 1925, £14,988,000, was expected to be exceeded this year because of the long coal strike and other industrial conditions. It was added, however, that the expected increase in the deficit was not such as to alarm treasury officials.

Good Vision

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WOLFE DINNER IN LONDON JANUARY 3

Anniversary of Birth of Hero of Capture of Quebec to be Celebrated

St. John, N.B., Dec. 22.—Dr. J. C. Webster of Shediac, N.B., who sailed for England to-day on the liner Montclair, will be the sole representative direct from Canada at the annual dinner January 3 in the Savoy Hotel, the Strand, London, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the birth of General James Wolfe.

Among the societies Dr. Webster will represent will be the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Historical Society, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, the Canadian Authors' Association, the Nova Scotia Historical Society, the New Brunswick Historical Society and the Annapolis Royal Historical Society. He will extend the greetings of the members of the Canadian societies to the societies of Great Britain assembled at the dinner.

The Prince of Wales will be the chief British guest, while Lord Byng of Vimy will be chairman of the dinner.

If a cake is coarse grained, this is usually the result of too little beating or too slow an oven.

U.S. EXPRESS MEN ASK PAY INCREASE

Describe Hoboes, Hold-up Men and Wet Fish as Hazards

New York, Dec. 22.—Hoboes, holdup men and wet fish were cited yesterday as three of many reasons why 65,000 employees of the American Railway Express Company should receive a twelve-cent-an-hour wage increase.

The robbers, tramps and fish, a board of arbitration was told, all come under the head of increased hazards to life.

Terence Gallagher, for the last fifteen years in the vehicle service of the express company, testified that men working on trucks had practically no protection against the elements. Handling wet fish he considered conducive to colds and rheumatism, and the danger from holdups in New York while handling valuable goods he thought should be taken into consideration.

Hoboes were a great danger to messengers on board express trains, said G. H. Nicholson, general chairman of the Brotherhood for the mid-West district. Other dangers, he said, were open platforms between cars and falling boxes while the messengers were sorting packages between stations.

Three men from different sections of the country testified living costs had risen without commensurate increases in their wages.

Nicholson said employees on the Western lines received less money for the same work done by men employed by the railroads.

John R. Abbott of Pittsburgh testified as to hazards to the drivers of trucks in the district comprising Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and West Virginia.

J. W. Cole of Bridgeport, Conn., father of five children, said he had had to appeal to the mayor of Bridgeport for free medical aid once because his salary would not permit of any expenditure for medical attention.

SENATOR ATTACKS U.S. TREASURY HEAD

Heflin, Democrat, Says Mellon Put and Keeps Mellon in the Cabinet

Washington, Dec. 23.—The story that Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the United States Treasury, advanced \$5,000,000 to the Republican National Committee for the Harding presidential campaign of 1920 was repeated in the Senate yesterday by Senator Heflin, Democrat, Alabama, who said that "Secretary Mellon has not denied the truthfulness" of the charge.

He simply waved his hand, looked uneasy and said it was a delirium, the senator continued.

Senator Heflin said Jess Smith, friend of former Attorney-General H. M. Daugherty, told confidential friends Secretary Mellon had loaned the Republican National Committee \$5,000,000, and that \$2,000,000 of it had been paid back.

He (Smith) said he had been selected to arrange with Republican United States district attorneys to collect from the bootleggers and breweries the other \$3,000,000, the senator continued.

In previous charges Senator Heflin said Smith, who was alleged to have committed suicide, was really slain because he "knew too much."

Secretary Mellon would not hold his position, Senator Heflin said, "but for the money funds back of him and his own ill-gotten gains."

SHAW REPEATS HIS CHRISTMAS ATTACK

Says His First Remarks Against Celebration Were Not a Mistake

London, Dec. 22.—George Bernard Shaw refuses to withdraw his assertion that Christmas is an "unbearable nuisance" and "ought to be abolished."

To a reporter of The London Daily Express who tried to get him to qualify his anathematization, the famous writer again denounced the Yuletide celebration as a "horrible pagan carnival."

"Not that I object to our being pagan—quite the contrary," he added. "I have no quarrel with the Christmas feeling, but I think it should be spread over the whole year. There may, of course, be some who by nature are in such an entirely miserable condition that they require to be made merry at Christmas. I don't."

In his original blast, written for The New Leader, Shaw advocated a bill making the celebration of Christmas a criminal act.

Marauding Rats Cause California Poultrymen Losses

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 23.—An outbreak of pinto rats into Sonoma County and a marauding horde of ordinary rats in Glenn County gave the pest control experts of the California Department of Agriculture something to think about yesterday.

The Glenn County rodents, said Norman Buhn, who was sent to aid the embattled farmers in that section, were plundering hen houses on a large scale and carrying off enough poultry "to pay the taxes of every farmer in the county." One farmer from whom they took 700 chickens estimated his losses equivalent to four years' taxes.

From Sonoma County came a plea for aid against the pinto tribe of rats. Someone, it seems, turned a pair of pet white rats out to earn their own living. They inter-bred with common brown rats and their descendants are showing not only an unusual brindled color scheme, but more cunning and more cussedness than either a brown rat or a white rat.

UNION DISCUSSION AMONG TELEGRAPHERS

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Mr. Justice Lenoir here yesterday granted on the application of W. R. Easson and Henry Lynch on behalf of a number of commercial telegraphers employed by the Canadian National Telegraphs, an injunction which restrains the Canadian National Telegraphs until December 30 next from negotiating with or entering into any agreement with C. McMahon, or any officials of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, as claiming to represent the majority of the employees of the company.

Lynch claimed McMahon represented a minority of the telegraphers and that a committee of the majority had been discriminated against.

The matter involves the formation or proposal of a Canadian union.

PRUSSIA PAYS BIG SUMS TO EX-RULERS

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Five million marks, turned over to the Hohenzollern family recently by the state of Prussia as part of a compromise settlement of the former rulers' properties, have proved a mere drop in the bucket. Practically all of this sum had to be used to pay debts.

It is stated most of the second installment of 5,000,000 marks, due February 1, 1927, also will be used to cover past financial obligations of the former ruler.

The Socialist paper Vorwaerts says a large part of the debts were incurred for propaganda against the plebiscite instituted last May for dispossessing the Hohenzollerns.

NEW CONSUL IN WINNIPEG

Montreal, Dec. 22.—A new consular office in Winnipeg will be opened by the Czechoslovakian Government on January 1. The Winnipeg post will be held by Max Steinhoff, a Winnipeg barrister. The provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia and the Yukon Territory will be the Western consul's district. The duties of the new consul will be to promote trade between Canada and Czechoslovakia, to issue passports and legal documents and to look after the welfare of Czechoslovakian immigrants.

WHEAT POOL SETS GRAIN QUOTATIONS, SALES MANAGER SAYS

Washington, Dec. 22.—Winter wheat, which furnishes about two-thirds of the total United States wheat production, has been sold on a slightly increased acreage this Autumn, but its condition is somewhat under average.

The area sown was estimated today at 41,807,000 acres by the Department of Agriculture. This is about 2,000,000 acres or five per cent more than sown last Autumn. The condition of the crop on December 1 was 81.8 per cent of normal, as compared with a ten-year average of 84.4 per cent.

Farmers had intended to plant a somewhat larger acreage, as indicated by their reports on August 1, but were prevented by rains, by drought and, in one state, by loss of seed and inability to buy it.

The low price of cotton, however, caused the conversion of some cotton acreage into that of winter wheat. Texas has sown 25 per cent more than a year ago; Georgia 30 per cent and South Carolina 35 per cent. Kansas, which has more than one-fourth of the country's total area, increased sowing five per cent.

Sowing was so delayed in some of the states by rains or drought, or by cotton picking, that some of the wheat plants, the department said, enter the winter poorly prepared to stand its rigors.

Winter wheat sowings a year ago totaled 39,799,000 acres, of which 26,312,000 were harvested, producing 626,929,000 bushels, or an average acre yield of 17 bushels.

J. H. E. Secretan Died in Ottawa

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—J. H. E. Secretan, veteran civil engineer, noted author and raconteur, died suddenly here yesterday, aged seventy-two. He was for many years on the surveying staff of the Canadian Pacific Railway, under Sir William Van Horne and was associated with the construction of the railway. Disabled by rheumatism in the late '90's, he visited the Yukon, and later wrote a number of books which are considered authoritative on the period.

WEATHER CAUSED DEATH

Calgary, Dec. 23.—A week after he had been found in a street suffering from exposure and a frozen foot, Michael J. Kennedy of Brampton, Ont., died from pneumonia in a hospital here yesterday. The remains will be sent to Brampton for interment in the family plot.

Mrs. Gates' Candy Recipe

For Ponosh (penoch), 4 cups brown sugar; 1/2 cup Pacific Milk; 1/2-lb. walnuts; 2 teaspoons vanilla. Boil the sugar and milk until they gather into a ball in cold water. Stir continually while boiling. Put in the nuts and flavoring as you take from the stove. Stir vigorously for two or three minutes and turn into slightly buttered pan. Cut into cubes before it cools.

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Dainty Silk Lingerie is a most feminine gift and one that is always much appreciated. Our stock comprises many dainty pieces, in many pretty pastel colorings, at very special prices.

A Sweater Will Please the Outdoor Girl

Why not give the girl who enjoys outdoor sports a smart Woolen Sweater? We have many to choose from here, in pullover and cardigan styles, and they are very specially priced.

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AEROPLANE FEAT

Windsor, Eng., Dec. 22.—To demonstrate that it is possible for aeroplanes to land on small spaces, John Leeming of the Lancashire Aero Club alighted on the summit of a mountain near here yesterday. His landing was made on a small summit area, 200 feet by 20 feet, on Mount Helvellyn, which rises to a height of 3,118 feet in the English lake district.

About 1,000 people are killed each year in Nova Scotia.

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"THE DAY WE CELEBRATE"

THE LEGISLATURE MAY HAVE A number of knotty problems to solve this session, but none that is likely to arouse more controversy than the settlement of the dispute which has recently developed on the subject of British Columbia's birthday. The B.C. Historical Society has been rent in twain on this issue, and its president has resigned. It is easy to realize, therefore, that the Legislature must contemplate with some apprehension the introduction of a problem which the well-informed and influential historical society is unable finally to solve.

One party contends that the date which should be observed as British Columbia's birthday is the anniversary of Governor Blanshard's arrival on Vancouver Island in 1850. Another contends that it should be the anniversary of Governor Douglas's proclamation as governor of British Columbia at Fort Langley on the Mainland in 1858. A third group suggests as a happy compromise the anniversary of the union of the colony of Vancouver Island with the colony of British Columbia in 1866.

There is much to be said in favor of the last alternative, since the union gave to British Columbia an entirely new aspect and status. Besides, there are so many notable happenings associated with the early history of British Columbia on both Vancouver Island and the Mainland which might be considered birthdays that it is difficult to see how the Legislature can go back beyond the union of the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia in 1866. Neither 1850 nor 1858 in our opinion fills the bill.

All this discussion, however, has to do, first, with the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia before the union, and, second, with the colony of British Columbia after the union. It has nothing, of course, to do with the Province of British Columbia, which was born on the day of its admission into the Dominion of Canada in 1871. Why not celebrate that instead of the birthday or birthdays of something which does not now exist?

Canada recognizes but one birthday for itself. This is July 1, the anniversary of Confederation, which took place nearly sixty years ago. But government began in New France between three and four centuries ago, while all of the older provinces could present the nation with many birthdays if they wanted to go back to colonial times. We do not even celebrate the union of Upper and Lower Canada in 1841. For birthday purposes the Dominion of Canada did not exist prior to 1867. This, of course, implies no disrespect for the governors and governments which flourished before the union. Their achievements are fittingly embalmed in the history of the country; but in our judgment it is better for commemorative purposes to observe the birthday of something that exists, whether as the Dominion of Canada or the Province of British Columbia, than the birthdays of the colonies which later became the Dominion of Canada, or of the colonies which later became the Province of British Columbia. Apart from birthdays there is an abundance of material for celebration purposes from the days of Capt. Cook down.

SMETHWICK

A CANADIAN CONSERVATIVE NEWS-paper says the Liberals of Smethwick "apparently have lost their hold" apropos of the result of the election last Tuesday. It apparently was unaware of the fact that Smethwick was not constituted a division until 1918 and not until this occasion have the Liberals thought it worth while to contest it. Instead of losing their hold, therefore, they were merely endeavoring to discover what sort of support their candidate could obtain.

Until the election of this week Smethwick has been fought in the interests of the Labor Party by Mr. J. E. Davidson, whose retirement occasioned this contest, and at no time has he had any serious difficulty in winning the day. In 1922 he defeated Miss Christabel Pankhurst by a little more than 600 votes; in 1922 the Conservative was a little less than four hundred votes behind him; in 1923 his majority over the Conservative was increased to more than 2,250; in 1924—the "red" election in which Labor was temporarily eclipsed—the majority in favor of Mr. Davidson was no less than 1,253. On this occasion, however, Mr. Mosley seems to have run away from his Conservative opponent with 6,582 votes to spare, while the Liberal Party, represented by Mr. Edwin Bayliss, rounded up 2,600 votes.

Whether Mr. Bayliss was the best candidate the Liberals could have run is beside the question; he was, however, something in the nature of an experiment and up against fairly formidable odds. He seems to possess a number of qualifications for service—although qualifications do not always cut the

figure they ought to cut—since he is the son of a miner, a welterweight and lightweight champion, a veteran of the retreat from Mons—which cost him an arm—a member of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, a representative for the Midlands of the National League of Liberal Trade Unionists, a member of the Nottingham Board of Guardians since 1916, and he also was the first chairman of the Midland District League of Young Liberals. He thus might be described as a man of experience.

It is fairly safe to say that Mr. Baldwin will think less about the Liberals "apparently" having "lost their hold" than he will about the nature of the accessions the Labor Party is getting and the havoc they seem to be working with Conservative support throughout the country. Recent by-elections must be extremely disconcerting to the Government, and if historical precedent is to hold sway—the Ministry's House majority meaning little or nothing when by-elections begin to show how the wind is blowing—it will not be long before the country will go to the polls in a general election.

All these signs likewise may be more than gentle hints to the Liberal Party. Presumably Smethwick will remind such statesmen as Earl Grey that Liberalism is getting no help from those members of the Party whose public utterances merely emphasize the internal strife which has been going on since the famous Asquith-Lloyd George split in 1916. In spite of this cleavage at headquarters, however, there are many hopeful signs. Even The Observer, The Weekly Dispatch, and The Daily Express—neither of which ever could be accused of harboring friendly sentiments towards the Liberal Party—are talking about "a changed feeling in the country." Mr. Baldwin, in The Observer, for instance, warns Mr. Baldwin that "in no case can the Conservatives retain their present majority or be sure of any majorities unless they can make in the future some decisive appeal to ordinary Liberal opinion."

The editor of The Observer is a keen student of the trend of political events. Apparently he has recognized that the scrap at Liberal headquarters—from which leadership for the Party should come—has only stiffened the backs of the rank and file. In this he sees danger ahead for Mr. Baldwin. Political history supports his apprehension.

As for the election of Mr. Mosley, the general public of Great Britain is once again reminded that "your Radical dearly loves a Lord." There is no reason why he should not have run, after the scare he gave Sir Austen Chamberlain in 1924, who, it will be remembered, defeated him in the Ladywood division of Birmingham by the close margin of 77 votes. He had therefore become well known throughout the district and was an excellent bet for the Labor Party. It will now be interesting to watch this wealthy "Laborite" in action in the House of Commons.

TIME FOR COOL HEADS

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING the armies of occupation in Germany is emphasized by the outburst in the German press over the verdict of the court-martial which adjudicated in the case of the killing of a German civilian by a French officer at Gernersheim last September. The Frenchman was acquitted and, as might have been expected, the fat is in the fire.

It is not difficult to understand the reception which the verdict has been given in Germany. It is not a bit more difficult to imagine the state of mind into which the French people would have worked themselves if the sort of punishment which the German people considered fitting had been meted out to the young officer.

It is a delicate situation and cool heads will be needed if the good that has been done during the last few months is not to be imperilled. But there is no excuse whatever for the Deutsche Zeitung—which always preferred the sword to the pen in spite of the old adage—for saying that "the shame of Landau," where the court-martial was held, "will not be expiated until the German people are rearmed."

The only way to end this sort of thing is to get all the Allied troops out of Germany as quickly as possible and trust Germany. Her disarmament process is to be carried out under the auspices of the League of Nations. If she does not play the game she will soon hear about it. But it is to her benefit to play the game. And she knows it.

Queer Quirks of Nature

By AUSTIN H. CLARK

Northwest of the tip end of Cape Cod lies the famous "Spider ground." This is a well-known and productive fishing ground, but it is avoided by the fishermen because here their gear comes to the surface with great quantities of "sea-spiders" fastened to it. The hooks get caught in them so that the fishes cannot take the bait.

What is a sea-spider? This name in different places is given to several different kinds of creatures. On our coast it is applied to a kind of starfish with branched and many times divided arms which is also sometimes called the basket-star.

Basket-stars of one kind or another are found in every sea, but they are commonest in the North Atlantic and the Arctic, and in the North Pacific, where in some places acres of the bottom are thickly strewn with them.

They live mostly down in the quiet water beneath the movement of the waves, and extend downward to depths of more than 6,000 feet.

Do You Mean What You Say?

"THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET!"



"THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET!"

When we say that one has "thrown down the gauntlet," we mean that he has issued a challenge. The phrase comes to us from the middle ages, where it was the custom for a knight to defy another by throwing his gauntlet on the ground at the feet of his enemy. If the challenged knight accepted the defy, he so indicated by picking up the gauntlet.

Canadian Questions and Answers

THE MOUNTAIN CROSS

Q.—Where and what is the Mountain Cross?
A.—The Mountain Cross is a large cross that stands on the highest point of Mount Royal, Montreal, erected by the St. Jean Baptiste Society on the spot where Maisonneuve, founder of that city, placed a cross nearly 300 years ago. The inscription on the present one reads: "Erected June 24, 1924, by the Saint-Jean-Baptiste Society of Montreal, to commemorate the previous one planted by Paul de Chomedey de Maisonneuve, founder of Montreal, on February 4, 1643, and to bear testimony to the metropolis of Canada under the protection of the Cross." The cross may be seen for many miles at night when illuminated by electric light.

Other People's Views

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The Editor reserves the right to shorten or to omit any communication that is too long or too late for publication. The publication or rejection of any letter is at the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

FRUIT MARKETING

To the Editor:—In a letter, dated 8th inst., which appeared in several newspapers, the Associated Growers state that a new contract must necessarily be issued before the present one expires and that the report is the possibility of bringing about legislation to provide for compulsory co-operation was not inspired by them.

I beg to point out that the present contract cannot expire. It is continuous. The growers, however, have the right to cancel it every five years. Any grower who gives notice of cancellation before the 1st of March, 1928, will certainly render himself liable to another "five years' hard," without a doubt. I cannot believe that the Associated Growers are ignorant of this fact, though I know many growers are.

I beg also to point out that, while it is probably true that the Association should not inspire the report referred to, they are inspiring the action, for the directors passed a resolution on the 2nd ult. approving of the Government to pass legislation to enforce it. At the same time, though they decided, in the interim, that the Association should not appear publicly as sponsors of the movement. It is, of course, axiomatic and requires no demonstration that the prospects for such legislation should be ever, unfortunately, reach the House in concrete form, would be greatly improved if it could be made to appear that the demand for it had arisen spontaneously amongst the growers at large, rather than as the result of propaganda by the officers of the company to benefit by its enactment.

The Minister of Agriculture having shouldered the responsibility for the initiative in the matter, the Association now feel, I suppose, that they can appear publicly with a good grace. Hence the meetings in Vancouver lately in which their representatives appeared as promoters before the B.C. Historical Association and the Executive of the B.C.F.G.A. The growers in general have not, so far, been consulted at all.

JOHN K. OSTON,
Mikto Orchard, Vernon, B. C.
December 21, 1926.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S BIRTHDAY

To the Editor:—In your issue of December 20, under the heading, "How Over B.C.'s Birthday Culminates in Retirement of Historical Society Head," publicity is given to this little controversy which has occurred in the B.C. Historical Association, of which I have the honor to be vice-president. I think there are some of your readers who will be interested in knowing what has taken place at the meeting of our body.

On January 6 last at a meeting at which I presided in the absence of our president, Judge Howay, a resolution was presented by one of our members, the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, and unanimously passed by the meeting. "Respecting the Birthday of British Columbia."

This resolution, after stating that "it was desirable that the true history of our province should be known and duly commemorated," proceeded to give an outline of the events in the sequence, and it was resolved that if it be deemed advisable to celebrate the birthday of this Province, that day in March 11, 1850, being the day upon which the first Governor, Blanshard, first landed within the present boundaries of this Province, as aforesaid, and exhibited and read to one people, Her Majesty's commission to him as

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her representative in her Dominions on these Pacific shores.

"And further that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable the Premier of this Province, to the Hon. Speaker of the Legislature, and to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary."

After some delay owing to a change in secretaries, this last order was carried out.

Our esteemed president, feeling that he could not support the resolution, forwarded his resignation of his office.

A meeting of the executive was called and a motion asking Judge Howay to resign his resignation was adopted. This he declined to do, much to the regret, I am sure, of all our members.

The executive have had the following statement prepared by its officers, based upon the records contained in the archives of the Province, which are available to all seeking after knowledge.

"Memorandum for the Council of the British Columbia Historical Association in pursuance of instructions contained in the following Minute of Council, dated November 10, 1926: Resolved that the secretary be asked to prepare a statement of the official facts regarding the establishment of the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, later amalgamated into the Colony of British Columbia, and the subsequent entry of the united colonies into Confederation."

"The official facts are as follows: '1. On July 16, 1849, a commission issued to Richard Blanshard appointing him to be Governor of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its dependencies (Exhibit No. 1)."

"From certain acts of James Douglas while Governor of Vancouver Island it would appear that the word 'dependencies' was taken to embrace the Mainland of New Caledonia or British Columbia, later established as a Crown Colony on August 5, 1858 (Exhibit No. 2). This exhibit proves that Governor Douglas regarded the Mainland as being within his jurisdiction, pending the establishment of a permanent Government on the Mainland."

"2. On July 28, 1849, an Imperial Statute was passed entitled 'An Act to Provide for the Administration of Justice in Vancouver's Island' (Exhibit No. 3). This Act nullified 'An Act for regulating the fur-trade and establishing a criminal and civil jurisdiction within certain parts of North America' (1 and 2, George IV, chapter 66, 1821). (Exhibit No. 4). This Act definitely established the Crown Colony of Vancouver Island over which Governor Blanshard assumed sway on March 11, 1850, in pursuance of his commission of July 16, 1849. This date therefore is the key-date, the foundational date or birthday of Government in the territory now known as the Province of British Columbia."

"3. On August 2, 1858, while the Crown Colony of Vancouver Island continued its separate identity, an act was passed entitled 'An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia' (Exhibit No. 5). James Douglas, following Richard Blanshard as Governor of Vancouver Island, was appointed Governor of the new colony of British Columbia on November 19, 1858."

"4. On August 6, 1860, there was passed an Imperial Statute entitled 'An Act for the union of the Colony of Vancouver Island and the Colony of British Columbia,' and the sister colonies were so united from that date under the name of the younger colony, British Columbia. (Exhibit No. 6)."

"5. On March 14, 1870, the Legislative Council of British Columbia by resolution expressed its willingness that the Colony of British Columbia should be confederated with Canada on certain terms and known as the

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Terms of Union (Exhibit No. 7). Following this, on May 16, 1871, at the Court of Windsor an Imperial Order-in-Council was passed giving sanction to the entry of British Columbia into Confederation, and declaring the date of such entry to be July 20, 1871. (Exhibit No. 8)."

"If the birthday of a State or Province must be celebrated, it appears to me for the purpose of historical accuracy that it is improper to celebrate any later date than that of the birthday (or foundation) of the earliest part thereof, no matter what unions of parts or changes of boundaries or changes of names have taken place since the first part was established, provided that the part still remains an integral part of the whole."

"All of which is respectfully submitted."

"JOHN HOSIE,
"Hon. Secretary."

I would ask your readers to note that the commission to Governor Blanshard, dated July 16, 1849, refers not only to Vancouver Island, but to its dependencies and to its territories."

As this subject is of great interest to the public, I would suggest that at our next meeting in January, there should be a large attendance."

BEAUMONT BOGGS,
Vice-president British Columbia Historical Association.

VICTORIA BOYS' PIPE BAND

To the Editor:—In order that the citizens of Victoria may be correctly informed as to the identity of the recently-incorporated Victoria Boys' Pipe Band, allow me to state that this organization is composed of the entire body of lads who so generously enter-

tained the public and visitors at the local hotels during the evenings of the past Summer under the direction of its founder and beloved leader, Pipe-Major Alexander Wallace, to whose unselfish and public-spirited devotion it owes the high degree of efficiency to which it has attained.

Its aim is to render in the future the same class of service which last Summer proved to be such a valuable asset to the city in providing what to the visiting tourists is such a novel and attractive form of entertainment. The membership of the band consists of the following: Pipe-Major Alexander Wallace, Drum-Instructor John Gow, Piper John Milton, Piper James Mara, Piper James Stewart, Piper Andrew Pollock, Piper Daniel Pollock, Piper Archie McMillan, Piper James McMillan, Piper McCrimmon, Piper Ian Wallace, Drummer Charles Milton, Drummer Walter Cross, Drummer James McMillan, Drummer Norman Wallace, Drummer Alexander McMillan, Pipe-Pupil Clarence Holman, Pipe-Pupil William Simpson, Pipe-Pupil Douglas Balfour, Pipe-Pupil Arthur Duncan.

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Libby's Mince-meat, per lb. 27c

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Rib Veal Chops, per lb. 27c
Thick Breast of Veal, per lb. 12c
2c a lb. off Cash and Carry Meats between 9 and 10 a.m. Shop in this hour and save.

REGULAR COUNTER, DELIVERED

Legs Lamb, half or whole, per lb. 38c
Filet Roasts Milk-fed Veal, per lb. 35c
Centre-cut Loins Pork, per lb. 39c
Filet Roasts Pork, per lb. 35c
Prime Ribs Beef, cut short, per lb. 25c
Sirloin Tip Roasts Beef, per lb. 25c
Rump Roasts Beef, per lb. 22c

EXCEPTIONAL VALUES FOR CHRISTMAS IN OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT CASH AND CARRY ONLY

Orange and Lemon Peel, 20c
Carolina Rice, per lb. 12c
Union Hand Cleaner, per tin 9c
Van Camp's Pork and Beans, small tins, 4 for 25c
King-Beach Red Plums, in syrup, per tin 18c
Del Monte Prunes, 40-50, per 2-lb. carton 28c
Blue Ribbon Peaches, per 11-oz. carton 20c
California White Cooking Figs, per 3-lb. box 35c
Quaker Pumpkin, 2 1/2 tins for 30c
Eddy's Red Bird Matches, 100 in box 9c

Purity Salt, per carton 11c
Ontario Honey, 2 1/2 lbs. per tin 48c
Libby's Bartlett Pears, 2 1/2 lbs. per tin 25c
Essex Brand Corn, 3 tins 39c
Del Monte Crushed Pineapple, smalls, 2 tins 27c

Royal Household Flour, 7 1/2 lbs. sack 38c
Sunlight Soap, 5 large bars 25c
Bonner's California Dessert Raisins, per pkg. 22c
China Preserved Ginger, per tin 30c
Robinson's Almond Paste, 8-oz. cartons 28c
Flanched Almonds, per lb. 85c

Singapore Pineapple Cubes, per large tin 13c
Spencer's Assorted Jelly Powders, per pkg. 6c
Robin Hood Rolled Oats, 6 1/2 lbs. per sk. 32c
Crystallized Pineapple, 12 oz. per carton 43c
Chinese Preserved Ginger in syrup, per jar 32c
Empress Mince-meat, a carton 20c

Mrs. Haines's Orange Marmalade, 4 1/2 lbs. per tin 52c
1 lb. Spencer's Royal Roasted Coffee 1.00
1 pkg. Perrin's Assorted Biscuits, for regular 1.25

1 lb. Spencer's Breakfast Tea 80c
1 pkg. Ramsay's Chocolate 80c
Empress Raspberry Jam, 4 1/2 lbs. per tin 85c
Tomato Catsup, 2 1/2 lbs. per tin 21c
King Oscar Sausage, 3 tins 24c
Pink Salmon, 1/2 lb. 5 tins 24c

Mixed Nuts, all new season's, per lb. 22c
Spanish Cluster Raisins, per lb. 35c
55c, 60c and 65c
Del Monte Yellow Free Peaches, 2 1/2 tins 37c
Vinolia White Iris Soap, 3 in box, for 25c

Post's Bran Flakes, 2 for 25c
1 lb. Sunmaid Seeded Raisins 40c
1 lb. Choice Currants 40c
1 lb. Choice Sultaninas 40c
Heinz Sweet Pickles, per bot. 35c
Heinz Sour Pickles, per bot. 35c
Heinz Tomato Soup, 5 tins 49c
Heinz Pork and Beans, 3 tins 31c

1 tin Crab Meat, 1/2 lb. 70c
1 tin Horseshoe Salmon, 1/2 lb. 70c
1 tin King Oscar Sardines 70c
King-Beach Red Plum, 4 1/2 lbs. per tin 37c
Empress Orange Marmalade, 2 1/2 lbs. per tin 29c
Wild Rose Pastry Flour, 7 1/2 lbs. per sk. 36c
1 tin Malt Extract, No. 3, per tin 79c
1 pkg. P. K. Hops, 1/2 lb. 79c
1 pkg. Cox's Gelatine 79c
Jap Oranges, per box 85c
Navel Oranges, per doz. 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c and 60c
Huntley & Palmers' Peck Freans, Ormonds', Perin's Biscuits in packages and fancy tins
Caley's Christmas Crackers, box, from 25c to 50c

Special Turkey Luncheon and Supper

Served from 11.30 till 2, and 6 till 8

50¢

Dining Room, Third Floor
Phone and Reserve Tables**DAVID SPENCER LIMITED**PHONE
7800

Store Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 1 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.

A Merchandise Scrip

Will Solve Your Most Difficult Gift Problem

Merchandise Scrip, redeemable at any of our stores. Now on sale at the exchange desk above the drug department. This convenient exchange sent to your friends will allow them to purchase the gifts they most desire.

—Main Floor

Our Store Will Be Open This Evening and Friday Evening
Late Christmas Shoppers Will Find in Our Gift Service Unlimited Choice**Christmas Candies****In Our New "Dorothy Lee" Candy Department**

Dorothy Lee Chocolates, per lb.80¢
Boxes of Dorothy Lee Chocolates, each, at**\$1.25**
Spencer's Winner Chocolates, per lb. 60¢
Spencer's Special "Forty-nine" Chocolates, per lb.40¢
Mixed Candies, Creams, Chocolates, etc. A lb.50¢
Bon Bons—great variety of designs and colors, for the Christmas party. Priced from 90¢ to**\$3.25**

Ganong's Social Mixture for Christmas time. A 5-lb. box**\$2.50**

**Gift Lingerie****Of Crepe de Chine and Rayon Silk**

Charming gifts that appeal to feminine vanity and are at the same time very practical.

Crepe de Chine Teddies in a variety of dainty styles, lace trimmed or with touches of handwork. Priced from **\$4.50** to**\$11.75**
Crepe de Chine Gowns in delightful styles with trimmings of fine lace or handwork. Some French hand-made garments included, ranging in price from **\$4.50** to**\$18.75**
Rayon Silk Lingerie Sets, vests and bloomers to match, daintily lace trimmed. Priced at**\$3.75**
Rayon Silk Gowns, three attractive styles, tailored finish in boat shape or square neck and lace yoke effect. Each, **\$2.98**
Rayon Silk Pyjamas, tailored finish with contrasting colored banding at neck and sleeves. A suit**\$4.25**

—Whitewear, First Floor

Kimonas of Satin and Silk

In a variety of dainty styles, all beautifully made and finished. There are quilted effects and negligee styles with lace trimmings. At **\$12.50**, **\$13.50** and**\$19.50**

—Whitewear, First Floor

Great Selection of Women's Scarves

From Which to Select A Dainty Gift
Silk Knit Scarves in pretty colorings, all over stencilled effects, with deep fringed ends. Each**\$1.98**
Crepe de Chine and Georgette Scarves, with hemstitched borders; shown in floral effects of plain shades. Each**\$2.98**
Crepe de Chine Scarves in many handsome designs, beautiful colorings and wonderful quality. Each**\$4.75**

—Neckwear, Main Floor

Dainty Neckwear

For Christmas Gifts

98c and \$1.98

Vestees, collar and cuff sets, jabots, etc., of fine crepe de Chine, Georgette, net, lace and satin in many dainty styles and effects. All beautiful quality. Regular to \$4.75 values for **98¢** and**\$1.98**

—Neckwear, Main Floor

Stencilled Velvet**Cushions**

For Christmas Gifts, \$3.25

Large Cushions with stencilled designs, on velvet, in shades of orange or green, or on black sateen. Make very attractive gifts. At**\$3.25**

—Art Needlework, First Floor

Art Novelties

Pin Cushions, tape lines, handkerchief sachets, telephone pads, work boxes, baskets and bead mats. All at popular prices.

—First Floor

The Electric, Natural Marcel Waver

A Practical Gift for the Bobbed Hair Girl

\$3.50

Something quite new—the only "Natural" marcel waver—very attractively made, suitable for Christmas gifts; with white handles and white silk cord, nickel-plated tongs, specially constructed to give the perfect marcel wave. A set**\$3.50**

Sweaters for Baby

Babies' All Wool Sweater Coats, with button neck, in pink, blue, white and sand; for 6 months to 1 year**\$1.59**
Pullover Sweaters for 2 and 2½ years; very neat and trimmed with fancy stitching; green, yellow and gold brown, **\$1.75** and**\$1.95**

—Babies' Wear, First Floor

Small Boys' Woolen Suits**\$2.95, \$3.50 and \$4.50**

Many smart styles in two-piece woolen suits for ages 2, 3 and 4 years are being shown in our Children's Department. All popular colorings. Well made garments at **\$2.95**, **\$3.50** and**\$4.50**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

**Slippers for All the Family**

Slippers can be put on your Christmas Gift List several times. Everybody welcomes this comfortable gift. Styles and sizes to fit everyone in the family.

Embroidered Silk or Quilted Satin Slippers in artistic designs, something different, with soft leather soles and padded heels**\$2.00**
With covered low heels at**\$3.00**
Juliet's of fine felt in many pretty colorings with contrasting plush binding. At**\$1.95**
For Men—Leather Slippers of soft black or brown kid or novelty leathers. The popular Romeo style with elastic sides, or low cut Everetts, **\$1.95** to**\$4.50**
Wool Slippers in plain camel shade or plaid designs. They have leather outer soles and felt inner soles. At **\$1.95** and at**\$2.50**
Kiddies' Novelty Slippers in Bunny Rabbit and Golly Wog designs, felt with leather soles at **\$1.25** and**95¢**

—Shoe Sections, Main and First

—Lower Main Floor

**Gloves for Christmas Are Sure to Please**

Novelty Kid Gloves in a variety of fancy cuff designs, embroidered or perforated effects. All wanted shades. A pair **\$2.25** to**\$5.25**
Tailored Gloves, pull-on gauntlet or wrist effects of fine kid and suede. Priced from **\$2.25** to**\$3.95**
Chamois Gloves in gauntlet or wrist fastening effects, plain seams of hand-sewn. Priced from **\$2.75** to**\$3.95**
Suede Fabric Gloves in novelty styles with fancy cuffs, embroidered points; all popular shades. Priced from **79¢** to**\$1.25**

—Gloves, Main Floor

Gifts You May Choose In Our

Children's Wear Section**PANTY DRESSES**

Of colored flannel. Cute little styles for ages 2, 3 and 4 years. Ideal gifts at**\$2.95**

PRINCESS SLIPS

Of fine white muslin, trimmed with lace, opera top style in dainty shades of peach, pink, blue, green, mauve and yellow; sizes for 11 to 15 years. Each **75¢**

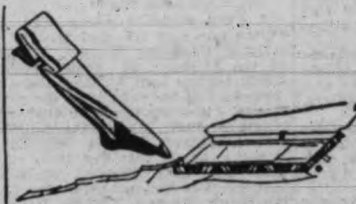
OVERALL GAITERS

Of white stockinette, made with elastic at waist and buttoned at side; sizes for 7 to 9 years; **\$1.75**

WOOLEN MITTS

For kiddies 2, 3 and 4 years. Nice and wooly with deep cuff and thumb. Shown in fawn, white and scarlet. Make ideal Christmas gifts. A pair**50¢**

—First Floor

**Gift Hosiery**

For Street, Sports or Evening Wear—All Shades For Evening Wear

Dainty Chiffon Hose, beautifully sheer and clear, with square or pointed heels, in all evening shades. Full fashioned, a pair at**\$2.50**

Wolsey All Wool Ribbed Hose in shades of black, brown, fawn, camel, grey, silver, suede and putty. Excellent quality and ribbed to toe. A pair**\$1.75**

Full Fashioned Wool Hose in smart diamond patterns of two-tone colorings. Very fine quality with reinforced feet. A pair at**\$1.98**

Rainbow Stripe and Kayser Silk Hosiery in all popular shades, full fashioned; various heels. A pair at**\$1.95**

"Bi-Tex" Hose of lovely quality silk, with warm inner lining. An excellent hose for older people. In black, fawn, mist and beige. At**\$2.50**

Silk and Wool Sport Hose in smart check patterns of beige, sunburn, putty, fawn and grey. Exceptionally good value. **\$1.50**

—Hosiery, Main Floor

5 BIG SPECIALS

In the Home Furnishings Department Gift Section Offered from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at

\$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$7.00

These special values include a big selection of useful gifts. Every special representing a great reduction in including Cushions, Rugs, Runners, Table Covers, Hassocks, etc. On sale from 6 to 9 o'clock Friday evening.

—Drapery, Second Floor

Asbestos Dining-table Covers

A Useful Gift—Values to \$17.50 for

\$10.00

Round Covers, 60 inches in diameter, with green baize one side. Round Covers, 54 inches in diameter, covered in white flannelette.**\$10.00**
Round Covers, 45 inches in diameter, green baize one side. Oblong Covers, 42x54 inches, cut off corners. Covered in white flannelette. Each**\$10.00**

—Drapery, Second Floor

Dainty Gifts That Please a Man

Leather Belts with initial buckle, **\$1.00** and**\$1.25**
Belts with watch chain, gilt or silvered, **50¢** and**75¢**
Cuff Link Sets, including back and front collar buttons, **1.25**
Boxes for starch collars, made of brown, grey or black leathers; **\$1.50** to**\$4.50**
Silk Web Belts, in boxes, a pair, **\$1.25** and**\$1.50**
Silk Web Garters, priced at **25¢**, **50¢**, and**75¢**
Elastic Web Arm Bands, in assorted colors**25¢**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Many Great Values in TOYLANDTool Sets, Mechanical Toys and Games at Reduced Prices
—Toyland, Second Floor**Hundreds of Gifts for Boys**

In the Boys' Store

Boys' Ties and Handkerchiefs in all the new colorings and styles.
Boys' Mitts of black or grey astrachan, for the ages of 3 to 5 years**95¢**
Boys' Wool Gloves and Mitts, fancy mixture**50¢**
Boys' Gauntlets with star and fringe of good grade leather for 5 to 8 years **95¢**
Boys' Astrachan Gauntlets, grey or black, with strap wrist and corduroy lined cuffs at**\$1.95**
Astrachan Gauntlets, sizes for 5 to 8 years at**\$1.25**
Boys' Jerseys of pure wool mixtures, at **\$1.50** to**\$1.75**
Boys' Sweaters in all styles. Prices **\$1.95** to**\$7.50**
Boys' Negligee Shirts of plain and fancy broadcloth; sizes 12½ to 14½**\$1.50**

—Boys' Store, Lower Main Floor

Gift Books

Collier's Classics at**\$1.00**
The Modern Library**\$1.00**
The Lambkin Library**\$1.10**
Everyman's Library, 60¢ and**\$1.00**

Modern Poetry

Collected Poems, James Stephens**\$3.00**
Chinese Poems, translated**\$1.35**
Collected Poems, Wilfred Gibson**\$2.50**
Pipes Pan, by Elsie Carmen**\$4.50**
Shorter Lyrics, by W. H. Davies**\$2.00**

For Boys and Girls

Nelson's Picture Book**\$1.00**
The Big Book for Boys**\$1.00**
The Violet Book for Girls**\$1.25**
The Golden Book for Boys**\$1.25**
The Blue Book for Girls**\$1.25**
The Red Book for Boys**\$1.25**

—Books, Lower Main Floor

You May Be Sure of Getting a Right Gift in the Stationery Department

Waterman's Fountain Pens, **\$2.50** to**\$7.50**
Eversharp Pencils, 50¢ to**\$5.00**
Photograph Albums, each**\$1.00**
Desk Calendars, 50¢, 75¢ and**\$1.00**
Stationery for children, in novelty boxes, 35¢, 50¢ and**75¢**
A great range of Boxed Stationery, 35¢ to**\$5.00**
Tuck's Well-known Calendars, 25¢ to**\$2.75**
Bridge Sets, with two packs of cards in leather case**\$4.00**
Score Card in case**\$1.50**

—Stationery, Lower Main Floor

Children's Cane Chairs, \$2.75

Children's Cane or Reed Chairs in suitable sizes and designs; strong, well-made little chairs. Your choice for**\$2.75**

—Furniture, Second Floor

Smokers' Stands, \$3.75

Smokers' Stands in walnut or Egyptian finish; made with weighted base and fitted with glass ash tray. A few left to go at**\$3.75**

—Furniture, Second Floor

Lamp Standards \$7.75

Junior or Bridge Lamp standards in walnut finish. They have weighted bases and are great value for**\$7.75**

Shades for bridge lamps, assorted colors in silk with silk fringe**\$6.00**

Silk Lamp Shades for junior lamps; a fine assortment of colors and designs, with heavy bullion fringe. Special value, each**\$12.00**

—Furniture, Second Floor

Smoking Jacket or Dressing Gown For a Man

Our stock contains a great selection of Men's Smoking Jackets and Dressing Gowns in popular materials and in all the newest shades and colorings. They have fancy cuffs and collars. The dressing gowns have long roll collars and finished with girls. Prices are **\$10.00, \$12.50** and

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

A Selection of Beautiful Table Runners

Ideal Christmas Gifts

Fine Runners, trimmed with torchon lace, insertion and blue embroidery; size 17x45 and 17x18. On sale for, each,**85¢**
Linen Finish Hemstitched Runners, with embroidered ends; size 14x54-inch, **75¢**
Hemstitched Runners, embroidered; 17x54-inch**75¢**
17x45-inch**\$1.25**
14x15-inch**\$1.50**
Scalloped Runners, beautifully embroidered; 18x45-inch**95¢**
17x50-inch, each**\$1.50**
Very fine Runners, with oyster centre and trimmed with fine filet lace; 17x54-inch, at**\$2.00**
Fine Grade Runners, trimmed with Cluny medallions and insertions, others with cut-outs and frilled with lace; many handsome designs. 18x54-inch. Priced at **\$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00** and**\$3.50**
Natural Linen Crash Runners and Squares, embroidered with colored silks. Prices, **\$1.00** to**\$3.00**
Embroidered Pillow Slips, scalloped and hemstitched. Boxed ready for giving. A pair, **\$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75** and**\$3.00**

—Linens, Main Floor

Men's Scarves

For Christmas Gifts

Fibre and Art Silk Scarves, stripes or plain colors. Very attractive, **\$1.25** to**\$4.50**
Towel-stitch Scarves, in stripes and plain colors with fringed ends, **\$2.75** to **\$4.50**
White, Art Silk Scarves, plain or in fancy designs, direct from the Scotch mills. **\$1.00** and**\$1.75**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Gift Handkerchiefs

Pongee Silk Handkerchiefs, with colored borders, 50¢ and**75¢**
Pongee Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, full size, with colored embroidered initials, at, each**75¢**
Rayon Handkerchiefs, silk finish, fancy colors with striped borders. Each, **35¢**
Or 3 for**\$1.00**
Extra large Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, with tape borders**50¢**
Men's White Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, 25¢ to**75¢**
Men's Irish Cambrie Handkerchiefs, two in envelope, with Christmas greetings, 2 for**25¢**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Greeting Cards Half Price

Choose them from our large selection on the Main Floor. All clearing to-morrow at half regular prices.



Hudson's Bay Company

INCORPORATED 27th MAY 1670.

A Gift Certificate

—will solve the last-minute "what-to-give" problem. Gift Certificates may be obtained on the Main Floor and are redeemable in any department and at any H.B.C. store.

Last Minute Suggestions From the Store of a Million Gifts

HAVE a New Hoover sent home this Christmas! You couldn't think of a better gift than to shorten her daily struggles with household cleaning. The Hoover, remember, *BEATS* ... as it sweeps, as it cleans — and this New one does it 131% more efficiently than former Hoovers. \$4.50 down, easy terms.

The New HOOVER

It BEATS — as it sweeps — as it cleans

Chinaware and Electrical Suggestions

- Alarm Clocks**
Prices, \$1.49, \$2.00, \$2.75
\$3.00 and \$4.50
- Electric Curling Irons**
Prices, \$2.25 and \$3.25
- Electric Heating Pads**
Prices, \$7.50 and \$8.95
- Cosy Glow Heaters**
Prices, \$5.95 and \$10.00
- Electric Hot Plates**
Prices, \$3.95 and \$4.95
- Boudoir Lamps**
Prices, \$3.25, \$4.50 and \$6.50
- China Salt and Pepper Shakers**
Per pair, 25¢, 45¢, 60¢ and at 75¢
- Pyrex Casseroles**
Prices, \$2.25, \$2.65 and at \$3.00
- Pyrex Pie Plates**
Prices, \$1.15, \$1.35 and \$1.50
- Pyrex Bread Pans**
Prices, \$1.35, \$2.25 and \$2.50

Gift Pieces of Fancy China:
Values to \$3.25, for \$1.95

The assortment includes fancy china salad bowls, sugars and creamers, bon bons, vases, tobacco jars, marmalade jars, compots, candy jars, powder jars, cake-plates, smokers' sets, ash trays and candlesticks. Special at each \$1.95

—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.



Christmas Cigars

In holly and fancy wrapped boxes. And lady making clear purchases for gift purposes can depend on the quality of our cigars.

- Simon's Statesman, 25s \$4.00
10s \$1.50
- Simon's Roosevelt, 25s \$3.50
10s \$1.25
- Simon's Delmonico, 25s \$3.00
10s \$1.00
- Simon's Dimples, 25s \$2.25
10s \$1.50
- Tuckett's Perfectos, 25s \$1.25
10s \$1.25
- Tuckett's Club Special, 25s \$5.00
10s \$1.00
- Tuckett's Marguerite, 25s \$2.25
10s \$1.50
- Robert Burns, 25s \$3.50
10s \$1.50
- La Preferencia Bull Dogs, 75s at \$1.25
- La Preferencia Bananas, 25s, \$2.25
- White Owl, 25s \$3.50
10s \$1.25
- Stonewall Jackson, 25s \$1.25
10s \$1.25
- Benson & Hedges Premier, 50s \$3.50
- Benson & Hedges Pads, 25s, \$1.25
- Goggin's Clear Havana, 25s, \$3.50 and at \$3.00
- 10s, \$1.50 and at \$1.25
- Hallmark, 25s, \$2.50
10s \$1.00
- Main Floor, H.B.C.

Suggestions From Toyland

- Undressed Dolls**
Prices, \$1.00 and \$1.39
- Dressed Dolls**
Prices, \$1.25, \$1.59, \$1.95
\$2.50, \$2.95 and \$5.00
- By Lo Dolls**
Prices, \$2.49, \$4.50 and \$5.95
- Dressed Character-Baby Dolls**
Price \$1.79
- Ma Ma Dolls**
Prices, \$1.39, \$2.59, \$2.95
\$3.95 to \$4.95
- Teddy Bears**
Prices, \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95
\$3.25, \$4.50 to \$7.50
- Plush and Fluffy Animals**
On wheels, Prices, \$1.50, \$1.75
\$1.95 and \$2.25
- Mechanical Trains**
Prices, 49¢, 98¢, \$1.25, \$1.89
\$2.49 and \$4.95
- Electrical Trains**
Prices, \$7.95, \$10.00, \$10.95
and \$13.95
- Painting and Drawing Books**
Prices, 25¢, 35¢, 45¢ to 69¢
- Painting and Drawing Outfits**
Prices, 59¢, 75¢, 95¢, \$1.25
and \$5.00
- Stencils and Stenciling Outfits**
Prices, 75¢, 85¢, 95¢ and at \$1.50
- Paint Boxes**
Prices, 10¢, 15¢, 25¢ and 45¢
- Blocks**
Prices, 15¢, 19¢, 39¢, 50¢
65¢ to \$2.95
- Friction Toys**
Prices, \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.50
\$2.95 and \$5.95
- Loop-the-Loop**
Prices, \$1.25 and \$2.50
- Dumping Wagons, Sedans, Auto Sisters**
All mechanical. Price 50¢
- Tinker Toys**
Prices, 65¢, 75¢, \$1.15
\$1.25 and \$1.85
- Tinker Toys in tin container**
Price 95¢
- Rubber Balls**
Prices, 10¢, 15¢, 50¢, 95¢
and \$1.25
- Dolls' Beds**
Prices, \$3.50 and \$5.50
- Automobiles**
Prices, \$12.50, \$16.50,
\$17.50 and \$36.50
- Kindergarten Sets**
Price \$4.50
- Tricycles**
Prices, \$4.50, \$4.95, \$5.50
\$6.50, \$7.50 to \$9.75
- Army Service Cars**
Prices, \$5.25 and \$5.95
- Hiker Wagons**
Prices, \$4.50, \$5.25, \$5.25
\$9.75 and \$10.00
- Third Floor, H.B.C.

Interesting Gift Suggestions in Silverware

- Dutch Silver Salts and Peppers**
Per pair, 59¢ and 95¢
- Silver-plated Trump Indicators**
Prices, \$1.25 and \$1.50
- Salt and Pepper Shakers**
Per pair, \$1.25 to \$3.95
- Fancy Butter Dishes**
Prices, \$1.50 to \$4.50
- Silver-plated Egg Cup and Spoon**
Prices, \$1.25 and \$1.50
- Sugar Shells**
In gift box. Prices, 75¢ to \$1.60
- Butter Knives**
Prices, 85¢ to \$1.60
- Cold Meat Forks**
Prices, \$1.50 to \$2.75
- Berry Spoons**
Prices, \$2.25 to \$3.75
- Pie Knives**
Prices, \$3.00 and \$5.00
- Pierced Silver-plated Roll Trays**
Prices, \$3.95 to \$5.95
- Pierced Silver-plated Cake Baskets**
Prices, \$5.95 to \$9.75
- Silver-plated Pyrex Pie Plates**
Prices, \$3.95 to \$10.00
- Silver-plated Pyrex Casseroles**
Prices, \$5.95 to \$16.00
- Silver-plated Tea Sets**
Prices, \$12.95, \$19.75,
\$21.75 and \$45.00
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

Christmas Groceries,

- Finest Quality New Zealand Creamery Butter**, per lb. 50¢
3 lbs. for \$1.48
- H.B.C. Seal of Quality Creamery Butter**, per lb. 45¢
3 lbs. for \$1.35
- Finest Quality Alberta Creamery Butter**, per lb. 44¢
3 lbs. for \$1.30
- Choice Quality Creamery Butter**, per lb. \$1.25
3 lbs. for \$1.25
- Pure Bulk Lard**, per lb. 19¢
3 lbs. for 55¢
- Swift's Silverleaf Lard**, per package, at 20¢
- Dominion Brand Ham**, weighing from 10 to 12 lbs., half or whole, per lb. 45¢
- Swift's Premium Ham**, half or whole, per lb. 40¢
- Machine Sliced Yorkshire Roll**, per lb. 35¢

Open To-morrow Evening Until 10 o'Clock

Open This Evening Until 9 o'Clock

Gift Slippers for All

- Women's Satin Slippers**
Price \$1.95
- Women's Felt Slippers**
Prices, \$1.50 and \$1.75
- Women's Woolen Slippers**
Prices, \$2.45
- Women's Kid Slippers**
Price \$2.50
- Women's Boudoir Slippers**
Price \$1.45
- Children's Felt Slippers**
Prices, \$1.00, \$1.15 and \$1.25
- Men's Kid Slippers**
Price \$3.50
- Men's Leather Slippers**
Prices, \$2.25 and \$2.75
- Men's Woolen Slippers**
Prices, \$1.25 to \$2.75
- Main Floor, H.B.C.

Women's Indian-made Moccasin Slippers

Hair seal, black seal and many shades of suede leather, with attractive heading and fur-trimming. Not all sizes in any one line, but all sizes in the lot; regular \$2.50 to \$3.50. Special at, per pair \$1.95

—Second Floor, H.B.C.

Special Christmas Dinner at \$1.00

Will be served to-morrow evening in our Victorian Restaurant from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Please phone for reservations.

MENU

- Oyster Bouches
Clear Mock Turtle
Filet of Sole—Normande
Grenadines of Veal and Spinach
Orange Sorbet
Roast Turkey
Cranberry Sauce Escaloped Potatoes
Cauliflower Hollandaise
Christmas Pudding
Mince Pie Meringue Glace
Cheese and Celery
Dessert Nuts Raisins Coffee

Gifts in the Sporting Goods Section

- Hockey Sticks**
Prices 25¢, 35¢, 50¢ and 75¢
- Union Roller Skates**
Price \$3.50
- Secor Footballs**
Prices \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25
- Rugby Footballs**
Prices \$3.50 and \$5.65
- Golf Clubs**
Prices \$2.25, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$15.00
- Golf Balls**
Prices 75¢
9 in box for \$4.50
- Air Rifles**
Prices \$2.25, \$3.75, \$4.50 and \$7.50
- Bicycle Lamps**
Prices 90¢, \$1.50, \$2.50 and at \$3.75
- Watches**
Prices \$2.00, \$2.25, \$3.75 and \$5.00
- Hunting Knives**
Prices \$1.20, \$1.75, \$2.00 up to \$2.75
- Jack Knives**
Prices 39¢, 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00 to \$4.00
- Flashlights**
Prices 98¢, \$1.75, \$2.25 up to \$5.75
- Ice Skates**
Prices \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.



Gifts for Baby

- Rattles**
Prices 15¢, 35¢, 50¢, 65¢ up to \$1.50
- Bootees**
Prices 55¢, 75¢ and 85¢
- Bibs**
Prices 50¢, 65¢, 75¢ to \$1.25
- Infants' Jackets**
Prices 98¢, \$1.25, \$1.75 up to \$2.75
- Wool Bonnets**
Prices \$1.00 to \$1.25
- Wool Caps**
Prices 55¢, 95¢ to \$1.25
- Embroidered Pillow Covers**
Prices 89¢ to \$1.79
- Brush and Comb Sets**
Prices 75¢, \$1.50 to \$4.50
- Shelton Wool Head Shawls**
Price 95¢
- Terry Cloth Feeders**
Prices 25¢ and 35¢
- Pulovers**
With feet. Prices \$1.25 and at \$1.50
- Pram Covers**
Prices \$1.95 to \$3.25
- Long Dresses**
Prices \$1.25, \$2.25 to \$2.75
- Shortening Slips**
Prices 85¢, \$1.00 to \$1.50
- Shortening Dresses**
Prices \$1.40, \$1.75, \$2.25 to \$2.95
- Shawls**
Prices \$2.95, \$4.50 to \$7.50
- Second Floor, H.B.C.

Gifts for "Her"

- Tailored Spun Silk Blouses**
Prices \$1.95, \$5.95, \$6.95
\$7.95 to \$10.50
- Crepe de Chine Blouses**
Prices \$8.95, \$10.50, \$11.95 to \$13.95
- Women's Kimonos**
Prices \$5.95, \$6.50, \$8.75 to \$12.95
- Women's Pullovers**
Prices \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95 to \$10.95
- Rayon Silk Jumpers**
Prices \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95 up to \$15.75
- Wool Hug-a-bug**
Prices \$2.50 and \$3.50
- Women's Dressing Gowns**
Prices \$5.95, \$7.95, \$9.95 to \$16.50
- Women's Velvet Kimonos**
Price \$7.95
- Women's French Flannel Kimonos**
Prices \$7.95, \$9.75 to \$15.00
- Dainty Negligees**
Prices at \$12.95, \$17.95, \$19.75 to \$35.00
- English Silk Padded Dressing Gowns**
Price \$19.75
- English Silk Padded Jackets**
Prices \$5.50 and \$10.50
- Crepe de Chine Dressing Jackets**
Price \$7.95
- Gift Aprons**
Prices 59¢, 98¢, \$1.29 up to \$1.98
- Rubber Aprons**
Prices 49¢, 55¢, \$1.49 up to \$1.98
- House Dresses**
Prices \$1.00, \$1.79, \$2.49, \$2.95 to \$4.95
- Velvet Nightgowns**
Prices \$1.50 to \$2.59
- Rayon Nightgowns**
Prices \$5.75 and \$5.95
- Crepe de Chine Gowns**
Prices \$5.95, \$7.95 to \$17.50
- Crepe de Chine Vests and Step-ins**
Price \$2.98
- Silk Pyjamas**
Prices \$6.95, \$7.95 to \$17.50
- Crepe Pyjamas**
Prices \$1.95, \$2.49, \$3.50 and \$4.95
- Rayon Silk and Spun Silk Bloomers**
Price \$2.95
- Second Floor, H.B.C.

Special Bargains in Radio

A Few Odd Sets at Greatly Reduced Prices

- 3 Only Two-tube Sets**
De Forest Crosley Sets, regular \$22.50. Special at \$11.95
- 1 Only Two-tube Amplifier**
Regular \$23.00. Special, \$11.95
- 1 Only Five-tube Receiving Set**
Model 225 Stewart Warner, regular \$105.00. Special at \$55.00
- 1 Only Six-tube Set**
Model 245 Stewart Warner, one dial control set, regular \$112.00. Special at \$95.00
- 1 Only Six-tube Set**
Model 250 Stewart Warner, one dial control, complete with built-in loud speaker; regular \$155.00. Special at \$130.00
- 1 Only Radiola**
Four-tube receiving set complete with loud speaker, head phones and batteries, ready to receive; regular \$55.00. Special, \$35.00
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

Novelty Clocks

- Boudoir Clocks**
In French Ivory, various shapes and sizes. Prices \$3.75 and at \$3.95
- Also gilt and silver metal, imitation marble and ivory with floral designs. Good timekeepers. Price \$2.50
- Leather Covered Clocks**
Clear white dial. Clocks of Coppen, rose, mauve. Others in ivory. Price \$1.95
- Main Floor, H.B.C.

Gift Scarves

- Crepe de Chine Scarves**
Prices \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.69 and \$3.75
- Rayon Silk Scarves**
Prices \$2.50 to \$5.75
- Cashmere Scarves**
Price \$3.50
- Georgette Scarves**
Prices \$3.75 to \$7.50
- Wool Taffeta Scarves**
Price \$4.50
- Main Floor, H.B.C.



The Finest of Christmas Poultry

Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Capons and Chickens ready here for your selection. No extra charge for drawing and extracting sinews, but please order early.

- 2,000 lbs. of Small Turkeys**, Special, per lb. 42¢
- Finest Alberta Turkeys**
8 to 12 lbs., per lb. 50¢
12 to 18 lbs., per lb. 52¢
- Local Turkeys**
8 to 12 lbs., per lb. 56¢
12 to 20 lbs., per lb. 58¢
- Prime Beef**
4,000 lbs. Sirloln Roasts, cut short, per lb. 25¢
3,000 lbs. Prime Rib Beef, cut short, per lb. 23¢
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

Provisions and Table Supplies

- Empress Brand Jelly Powders**, all flavors, 4 packages, for 27¢
- Lea and Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce**, Special, per bottle, 35¢
- FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND NUTS IN SHELL**
- Extra Fancy Dessert Apples**, 3 lbs. for 25¢
- Fancy Japanese Oranges**, per box 85¢
- Choice Red Emperor Grapes**, per lb. 25¢
- Finest Florida Grapefruit**, each 15¢, 20¢ and 25¢
- New California Navel Oranges**, per dozen, 45¢, 55¢, 65¢ and 75¢
- Cape Cod Cranberries**, 2 lbs. for 45¢
- Local Hot House Tomatoes**, per lb. 35¢
- Fresh Head Lettuce**, 2 for 25¢
- Fine Cauliflower**, each, 15¢ and at 25¢
- Brussels Sprouts**, 2 lbs. for 25¢
- Local Celery**, per stick, 10¢ and at 15¢
- Swede Turnips**, 10 lbs. for 25¢
- Superior Quality Mixed Nuts**, containing soft shell walnuts, per lb. 34¢
- 3 lbs. for \$1.00**
- Choice Mixed Nuts**, per lb. 25¢
- New Washed Brazilia**, per lb. 25¢
- Large Size New Washed Brazilia**, per lb. 25¢
- Tarragona Almonds**, per lb. 30¢
- Barcelona Filberts**, per lb. 25¢
- Freshly Roasted Peanuts**, per lb. 15¢
- Imported Chestnuts**, per lb. 30¢
- California Budded Walnuts**, per lb. 55¢
- California Soft Shell Walnuts**, per lb. 50¢
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

Novelty Luncheon Sets

- Regular \$3.95 for \$2.98**
- Colored Damask Luncheon Sets in poppy and rose designs in blue, rose and gold. Cloth 54x54 and six napkins; regular \$3.95. Special at, per set \$2.98
- Main Floor, H.B.C.

Pillow Cases, Towels and Comforters

- Embroidered Pillow Cases**
Neatly boxed. Per pair \$2.50
- Fancy Turkish Towels**
With colored borders. Priced at \$1.50
- Down Comforters**
Price \$11.50, \$13.50, \$16.50
\$18.00 to \$35.00
- Main Floor, H.B.C.

Gifts for the Home

- Walnut Coffee Tables**
Price \$19.75
- Children's Seagrass Rockers**
Price \$3.25
- Not a Toy for Small Children**
Keeps baby off floor. Price \$4.95
- Drop Leaf Tea Tables**
Price \$23.50
- Nests of Tables**
Price \$29.50
- Solid Walnut Smoker Stands**
Price \$11.50
- Play-yard for Infants**
4 feet square when open. Priced at \$4.25
- Card Tables**
\$3.85, \$4.25, \$6.25 and at \$9.75
- Writing Desks**
\$26.50, \$28.50, \$35.00,
\$72.50 and \$110.00
- Fourth Floor, H.B.C.

Gifts in the Drug Section

- Special Christmas Package of Bath Crystals and Dusting Powder**; reg. \$2.50, for \$1.98
- An attractive bottle of Bath Crystals and \$1.25 size of perfumed Dusting Powder. The entire package finished in newest color arrangement; regular \$2.50. Special at \$1.98

Keystone French Ivory, brushes and mirrors, 20% off.

- Keystone Ebony Brushes**, \$4.25 and \$4.75
- Keystone Military Brushes and Brush Sets**, at per pair, \$1.95, \$2.25, \$4.25, \$6.50, and at \$9.75
- Leather Military Brush Cases**, \$1.25 and \$1.50
- Space limits the individual listing of our many items in brushes, mirrors, etc., single or in sets.**
- Perfume gifts are always welcome. You cannot go astray in selecting perfumes and toiletries from our displays of Caron, Coty, Houbigant, Yardley, Dubarry and Hudnut.

- Assorted Fancy Package Perfumes** at 50¢, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50
- Yardley's Shaving Bowls** \$1.00
- Dubarry's Shaving Bowls**, \$1.75 and \$2.00
- Shaving Outfit**, Shaving Cream, Lotion and Toilet Soap in a Christmas package. Each, \$1.25
- 4711 Cologne**, 40¢, 50¢, 55¢ and at \$1.45
- Yardley's Dusting Powder**, \$1.50
- Eau de Cologne Dusting Powder**, at \$1.85
- Cutex Sets**, 35¢, 60¢, \$1.00 and at \$1.50
- Dubarry's Gift Sets** at \$1.50 and at \$3.00

Coty's Perfume in fancy gift top, glass stoppered bottles. Special, each 95¢

—Drugs, Main Floor, H.B.C.

Candy Novelties

- Pascall's Parlour Candy Stores**, each containing bottles of candy, scales, scoops, cash box, and sundry small novelties. Each, 50¢, 65¢, \$1.10, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.25 and \$5.00
- Candy Smoking Sets**, containing chocolate pipes, cigars, cigarettes and matches. Each, 25¢, 50¢, 65¢ and \$5.00
- Chocolate Novelty Bottles**, each, at 25¢
- Pascall's Fancy Novelties**, from 50¢ to \$1.00
- Cowan's Chocolate Funny Faces and Chocolate Animals**. Special, per box 50¢
- Circus Wagons**, containing chocolate animals. Each, 10¢
- Fry's English Chocolate**, per box, 10¢
- Christmas Fancy Gifts**, per lb. 25¢
- 30¢, 40¢ and 50¢**
- Main Floor, H.B.C.

Canadian Observer In This Afternoon

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the Canadian Government Merchant Marine freighter Canadian Observer

departed at Ogden Point from California ports. After discharging general cargo here the vessel departed for Vancouver about 4 o'clock.

A bright service with appropriate music will be held in the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock.

Who Will Win This \$350 Diamond Ring?

See this magnificent 17-diamond Cluster Ring in our window to-day. Don't let the opportunity pass without placing an estimate on the number of beans contained in a jar shown in our window. One estimate coupon with every 50c you spend.



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Thousands of gift items at drastic reductions:—Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Jewelry Novelties—at tremendous discounts.

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4c

12c Cards to Clear at

8c

18c Cards to Clear at

12c

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CUSTOMS TO SELL FORMER RUM RUNNER

Tenders Being Called For
Purchase of M-322 Seized
Near Cadboro Bay in 1923

Seized in 1923 by the Provincial Police in the vicinity of Cadboro Bay for an infringement of the Customs laws the United States owned gasoline launch M-322 will now be put up for sale. For the past two years the craft has been carrying out work for the Customs Department around Vancouver Harbor.

Tenders may be submitted up until January 5.

When first seized with sixty sacks of liquor aboard the vessel was brought to Victoria, where she remained until two years ago. The M-322 was owned by C. B. Solley, who also acted as her master.

During her stay in this port her owner was asked to post \$500 if he desired to secure the release of his boat, but he would have had to take her out of Canadian waters. He failed to do this, so the boat was taken over to Vancouver.

The M-322 is forty feet long, has a beam of seven feet six inches and a depth of three feet.

SPOKEN BY WIRELESS

Dec. 22, 3 p.m.—Shipping: CANADIAN OBSERVER, San Francisco for Victoria, 167 miles from Victoria.

WAOTPAU, Vancouver for San Francisco, 655 miles from Vancouver. CANADIAN TRANSPORTER, Halifax for Victoria, 991 miles from Victoria.

AYAHU MARU, inbound, 1,230 miles from Aobersen. SHUNSEI MARU, Mike for Vancouver, 1,105 miles from Vancouver. AORANGI, Victoria for Australia, 69 miles south of Honolulu.

CANADIAN FARMER, Ocean Falls for San Pedro, 353 miles from San Pedro.

JACOX, San Francisco for Seattle, 230 miles north of San Francisco. ROBERT DOLLAR, San Francisco for Yokohama, 2,935 miles from San Francisco.

QUEENSWOOD, Vancouver for London, 305 miles south of Los Angeles.

WEST KATAN, San Francisco for Seattle, 233 miles from Seattle. PRINCESS MAQUINNA at Esquelt, 8.39 a.m., northbound.

Dec. 23, 8 a.m.—Weather: Estevan—Cloudy; southeast; ten miles; 30.30; 38; light swell. Pachuca—Cloudy; southeast; light; 30.25; 36; seas smooth.

Alert Bay—Overcast; southwest; 30.24; 34; sea moderate. Prince Rupert—Snow; southeast; fresh; 29.74; sea rough; 7 a.m. Ss. Catala left Rivers Inlet, northbound.

Dec. 23, noon—Weather: Alert Bay—Snow; southwest; fresh; 31.07; 34; sea moderate.

**Will Not Transfer
General Ketchen to
Post in Victoria**

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, does not propose to take immediate action regarding the filling of high posts in the regular force of Canada. Asked by a Times correspondent at Ottawa, concerning the mooted transfer of General H. D. B. Ketchen from Winnipeg to Victoria, Col. Ralston said he had not given it any attention as yet. He intimated some changes might be made next year, but that nothing would be done in the immediate future.

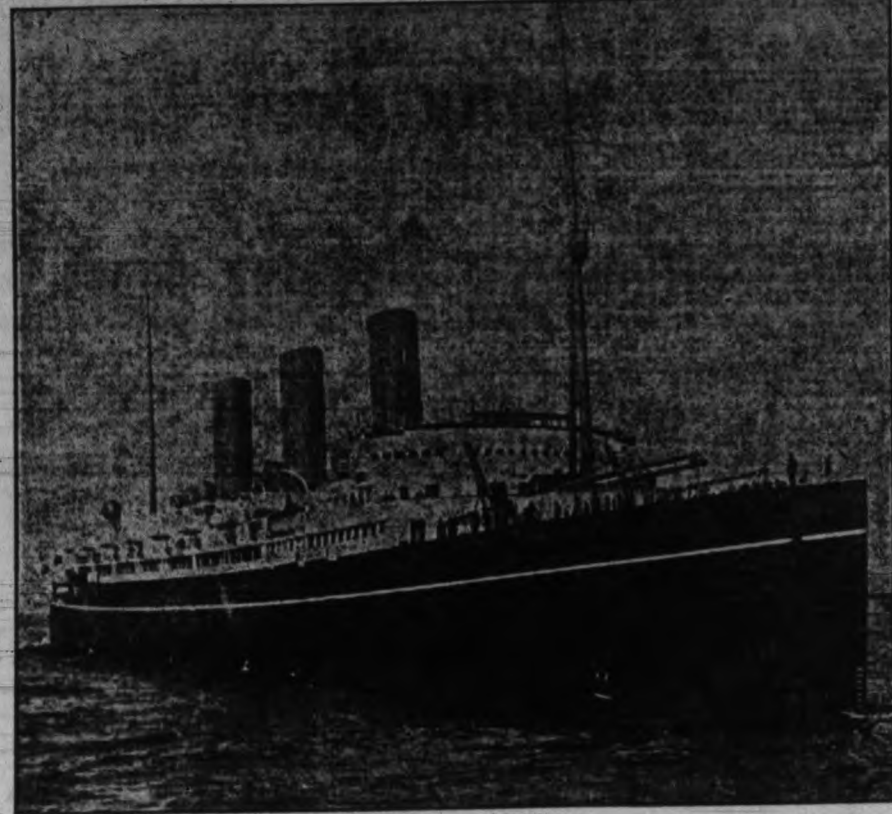
It was announced in the Canada Gazette last summer that the commander of this military district was to be transferred to Winnipeg, but neither change took place.

**Emma Alexander
Arrives To-night**

With seventy-four passengers for Victoria the Pacific Steamship Company's liner Emma Alexander will arrive at Rutherford's Outer Docks this evening at 9 o'clock.

To Decorate Church—The Anglican Young People's Society of St. John's Church will meet to-morrow at 7.30 in the guild room for the purpose of decorating the church. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend.

SAILING CHRISTMAS NIGHT WITH BIG LIST



R.M.S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA

JACKSON TO ARRIVE HERE AT DAYBREAK

American Mail Liner Has
1,500 Tons of Freight For
Here; Madison Outbound

With 1,500 tons of cargo for discharge at Victoria the American Mail Line steamship President Jackson, Capt. Griffiths, will arrive at the William Head quarantine station at daybreak Christmas morning, according to a wireless message received from

the ship this morning. She will berth at Pier 3 about 8.30 o'clock. The majority of the Victoria freight is composed of tea and gunnies. The vessel has 123 bags of local mail and thirteen sacks for air mail plane. To-morrow afternoon the President Madison will sail outbound for the Far East. The liner will arrive here at 4 o'clock from Seattle and, after embarking passengers and mails, will depart again at 5.30 o'clock.

Coming from San Francisco the Kingline Navigation Company's steamer Rochelle is due at James Island Christmas Day King Brothers, local agents, announced this morning. The vessel has 95,000 gallons of fuel oil for discharge at the island.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES

General Superintendent B.C.
District of C.P.R. Tells of
Prosperous Year

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 23.—In a Christmas message to the officers and employees of the British Columbia district of the Canadian Pacific Railway, C. A. Cottrell, general superintendent, says: "Another year is drawing to a close. The year 1926 for the British Columbia district of the Canadian Pacific Railway has indeed been a busy and prosperous one. The volume of traffic handled over the district during October was the greatest in its history, and it was handled in a most efficient manner. In the hustle and bustle of daily routine there is little opportunity for reflection, and we are apt to omit that which spurs us all on to greater efforts, and I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation of the good work done in maintaining and improving the performance of our district. During the year some have passed beyond, and our sympathy goes out to the bereaved families. Others are about to be placed on the retired list to enjoy in the Indian Summer of their days that leisure which they have so well earned. They will, I know, continue to give us their counsel and the benefit of the experience acquired in their many decades of loyal service to the company. I extend to each and every one of you and those dear to you my very best wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas. May the New Year bring you happiness and prosperity."

SAN FRANCISCO SHIPPING

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—R. Stanley Dollar, vice-president and general manager of the Dollar Line, arrived here yesterday from Paris, where it is understood he has established an office for the round-the-world service of the Dollar Line. It is also reported that the visit to Paris by the executive was to seek a mail subsidy of the French government for the American company.

The Panama Mail Line Venezuela was due here early to-day from Central American and Mexican ports. The vessel is bringing in a great volume of mail for Christmas delivery here. The Venezuela, W. A. Young, general passenger agent of the company said, was speeded up to arrive here in time to enable a delivery by Christmas.

Eastbound freight, consisting particularly of California canned goods and dry fruits is still heavy in offerings for intercoastal shipment. This congestion will not be cleared until well after the first of the year.

The Matsun Liner Manoa, with sixty cabin passengers, 57,289 sacks of raw sugar and a heavy cargo of island products, arrived yesterday from Honolulu. At noon yesterday the Matsun, another liner belonging to the same company, departed with a large passenger list for the Hawaiian Islands.

TIDE TABLE

Day	h. m. p.m.	h. m. a.m.	h. m. p.m.	h. m. a.m.
1	12.12	6.48	12.12	6.48
2	12.13	6.49	12.13	6.49
3	12.14	6.50	12.14	6.50
4	12.15	6.51	12.15	6.51
5	12.16	6.52	12.16	6.52
6	12.17	6.53	12.17	6.53
7	12.18	6.54	12.18	6.54
8	12.19	6.55	12.19	6.55
9	12.20	6.56	12.20	6.56
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13	12.24	7.00	12.24	7.00
14	12.25	7.01	12.25	7.01
15	12.26	7.02	12.26	7.02
16	12.27	7.03	12.27	7.03
17	12.28	7.04	12.28	7.04
18	12.29	7.05	12.29	7.05
19	12.30	7.06	12.30	7.06
20	12.31	7.07	12.31	7.07
21	12.32	7.08	12.32	7.08
22	12.33	7.09	12.33	7.09
23	12.34	7.10	12.34	7.10
24	12.35	7.11	12.35	7.11
25	12.36	7.12	12.36	7.12
26	12.37	7.13	12.37	7.13
27	12.38	7.14	12.38	7.14
28	12.39	7.15	12.39	7.15
29	12.40	7.16	12.40	7.16
30	12.41	7.17	12.41	7.17
31	12.42	7.18	12.42	7.18

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
1	7:44	4:21
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MANY CHINESE TO SAIL ON RUSSIA

Canadian Pacific Liner Will
Depart For Orient Christmas
Evening With Good List

Owing to the fact that there is not any other express liner sailing for the Orient until February 5, the C.P.R. Ss. Empress of Russia, which leaves here for the Orient on Christmas Day, will carry the rearguard of British Columbia Chinese holiday makers to the number of 370 who intend spending the Chinese New Year in their own country.

There are on board, too, several Chinese students, graduates of McGill University who have as well studied all phases of railroad work at the head offices of the C.P.R. at Montreal.

Included in the passenger list, which totals 515, are Lieut.-Commander Clifford Caston, R.N., flag lieutenant of the British Chinese squadron; L. J. Grandall, the well-known publisher of London, England, as well as several merchants of note.

A capacity cargo consignment, including heavy parcels of Canadian wood pulp and Canadian flour will also feature the sailing. Once again the refrigerator holds will be filled with beef and butter. The Empress of Russia will leave Pier D sharp at noon to the strains of Christmas music played by the ship's orchestra, while the Christmas dinner will be served shortly after the weighing of the anchor at Victoria.

SEATTLE SHIPPING

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Captain Robert Dollar, dean of Pacific Coast shipping men, left Seattle last night for San Francisco. He attended the funeral of his brother, William Dollar, a department manager of the Canadian Robert Dollar Company in Vancouver, B.C., Tuesday, and was a guest of honor at a luncheon of shipping officials here yesterday.

William M. Campbell, assistant United States inspector of boilers here, was seriously burned yesterday when the key top of a boiler on the Puget Sound steamer Atlantic blew off.

The Ss. Montpelier of Sudden and Christensen, which arrived here yesterday, loads lumber and copper for Europe.

A call for bids for overhauling and repairing the United States coast-guard cutter Algonquin will be issued soon, it was announced yesterday. The Algonquin is at Astoria, Ore.

Passengers for the Old Country will find that this train offers maximum of comfort. Tickets and reservations arranged, also baggage checked through from Victoria, any destination. City Ticket Office, 511 Government Street, Telephone 1242.

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WINTER SCHEDULE TO GULF ISLAND POINTS

The steamer Otter leaves Belleville Street wharf, every Monday and Wednesday at 7.15 a.m., and every Thursday at 8 a.m., for the Gulf Islands.

Also the Princess Royal leaves Victoria every Tuesday at 11 a.m. for Vancouver, calling at Port Washington, Ganges Harbor and Mayne in afternoon route. For further information phone 121 or 1270.

CALIFORNIA

SAILINGS FROM VICTORIA

Ss. EMMA ALEXANDER, Sunday, December 26, 9 a.m.

Ss. RUTH ALEXANDER, Sunday, January 2, 9 a.m.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

A meeting of the Oak Bay Council will be held this afternoon at 1.15 o'clock in the Municipal Hall.

This evening at 7.30 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church the Rev. Wm. Elliott, returned missionary from Japan at the Fellowship meeting.

The Rev. J. S. Patterson will speak to-night at the King's Hall, Yates Street on the supremacy of the spiritual.

A big crate of Christmas holly received at The Times business office this afternoon from the Times staff from Pemberton's Holly Farm, is acknowledged with thanks.

The prayer meeting of the Eskine Presbyterian Church will be held as usual to-night Thursday at 8 o'clock. The pastor will conduct the service. Percy Jones will be the speaker.

Miss Helen McNaughton, teacher of primary grades at Gordon Head School, last night tendered her resignation to the Saanich School Board and will receive from the trustees a letter of appreciation of her services. Miss McNaughton is accepting a post under the Victoria School Board.

Because he did damage to a tree on the Craigflower farm, Saanich, over twenty-five cents in extent, D. Mosher was fined \$10 and \$2 for the value of the tree in the Saanich Court yesterday. Mosher who was cutting a small tree for a Christmas tree, said he thought he was doing no harm, but in imposing the fine Magistrate George Jay said it would serve as a warning to others.

Herbert Scarce, arrested by Chief Fry and Constable George Varney when it is alleged he knocked over a cyclist on Bay Street at about 6 o'clock yesterday evening, was released on \$200 bail to-day and is charged with furious driving. He was in court this morning before Magistrate Jay, but asked for a remand until December 29, which was granted.

ROTARIANS CLOSE YEAR WITH SONGS

Exchange of Christmas Gifts Marks Final Luncheon of Year

Joining lustily in singing Christmas carols, the Rotary Club to-day enjoyed at the Empress Hotel, the last luncheon meeting of the year, featured by the exchange of gifts and Christmas greetings.

There will be no luncheon next Thursday, the Christmas tree party for children, annually given by the Rotarians, taking its place. The event will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, and will commence at 3 o'clock, the members being in attendance from 2.30 o'clock in order that the celebration should proceed with the customary efficiency.

The Rotarians greeted with cheers the announcement that E. G. Prior & Company Limited had donated \$25 towards the Rotary Christmas tree, and a vote of thanks was adopted with enthusiasm.

All members brought to the luncheon gifts marking Christmas. These were displayed on a table, and the exchange of gifts followed. A distribution of numbered tickets which entitled each member to make selection.

The luncheon closed with the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" in honor of President Edwin Tomlin, after the latter had presented the good wishes of the executive committee and himself.

OBITUARY

There passed away Wednesday morning at the family residence, 1071 Finlayson Avenue, Vivian Grace, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davies, aged three months. She is survived by her parents, one brother and three sisters. The remains are resting at the Thompson Funeral Home, 1225 Quadra Street, from where the funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, when the Rev. Dr. Clem Davis will officiate, and the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

The death took place Wednesday morning at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, of Winnifred Jessie Hill, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert George Hill, of Sidney, B.C. The little girl is survived by besides her parents, one brother, Stewart, and two sisters, Ivy and Hazel. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel over the remains of the late Arthur Clayton Sutton, who died last Monday. Relatives and a large gathering of friends were in attendance, and the floral tributes were many and beautiful.

The Rev. P. C. Chapman officiated, and the pallbearers were Messrs. D. Bernard Heisterman, Oscar Bass, representing the barristers, Arthur Manson and H. Harding, representing the Knights of Pythias, and Justice W. A. Gallihier. The remains were laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park, where J. M. Utteridge, C. C. Williams, P. Vosper and M. Manson, V.C., read the K. of P. last burial rites.

CROUCH INVITES HOBBS TO SPEAK

Reeveship Rivals in Saanich May Share Platform

The Saanich school trustees last night decided that, unless new circumstances arise, election meetings will not be called by the board for the exclusive presentation of school affairs to the ratepayers.

Chairman Hobbs, who is a candidate for the reeveship, informed the other trustees that he had been invited by Mr. Crouch to share the platform at these proposed gatherings, and understood this invitation would also be extended to all the trustees seeking re-election.

Receipt of this assurance was an important factor in the decision of the trustees to defer, for the time being, arrangements for meetings for discussion of school affairs.

With your Christmas Check...

The funeral of the late Frank James King who passed away in this city on Wednesday morning, will be held on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from McCall's Funeral Home. The service will be conducted by Aerie No. 12, Fraternal Order of Eagles after which the remains will be forwarded to Seattle for cremation. The late Mr. King was born in Victoria in 1885 and is mourned by four sisters, Miss Edith King, Mrs. W. Emery, Mrs. D. Vye and Mrs. Bertie King. The late Mrs. King was born at Salford, Oxfordshire, England, and had been a resident of this city for the last four years. She is survived by her husband, one son, J. H. Kirby, and four children. The funeral will be held from the B.C. Funeral Chapel on Monday at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. de L. Nunn will officiate.

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TO THE COMING OF THE NEW YEAR FOR SESSION WITH HIS FRIENDS

New Tory Leader to Meet Followers Here and Indicate Views on Provincial Affairs

North Okanagan and Other Possible Entries to House to Be Considered

Hon. S. F. Tolmie, newly-elected B.C. Conservative leader, and his future will be much to the fore during the next few days with the arrival of the Victoria Member of Parliament here for the Christmas holidays.

Dr. Tolmie is expected here tomorrow and will remain at home until some time in January as his seasonal duties will not require him to return to Ottawa until early in February. This will give him ample opportunity to confer with his followers in the House and indicate his views on the matters which will come up for discussion.

In this way, Dr. Tolmie's ideas will be reflected in the attitude of the Opposition even though he is not a member of the House. It is expected that before he goes back to Ottawa he and his followers will have laid down a definite policy for the session.

ELECTION WAS IN ORDER SAYS CITY AUTHORITY

Alderman-elect H. O. Litchfield Was Regularly Elected, It Is Thought

Alderman J. B. Clearihue Seated Under Similar Circumstances

Alderman-elect H. O. Litchfield, believed by some to have been unelected through an alleged lack of property qualifications necessary for aldermanic office, may not lose his seat. Conversely if Mr. Litchfield is declared unelected he will likely be followed out of office by another alderman-elect who is said to have qualified under similar provisions, Alderman J. B. Clearihue.

These possibilities were the centre of interest at the City Hall to-day when H. S. Pringle, City Solicitor, commenced an examination of the law governing the problem. Mr. Pringle gave it as an off-hand opinion, subject to confirmation, that Mr. Litchfield can qualify as a trustee, or the representative of a holder of an estate in fee simple, under the terms of the Municipal Elections Act. The Municipal Elections Act provides that a candidate otherwise fitted must have been the owner of a clear \$500 equity in taxpaying property within the city limits for six months prior to the election, or the holder of a registered title at the land registry office.

In the Land Registry Act, as recently amended, the definition of an owner is extended to those who control property as representatives for estates, as trustees or executors, even though they have no personal equity in the estate.

This, Mr. Pringle believes in his first look at the case, may be sufficient to ensure the seat of Alderman-elect H. O. Litchfield. It would also render more secure the position of Alderman J. B. Clearihue, said to have qualified under somewhat similar conditions, though not at present challenged to his seat.

In the event of the disqualification of one or more aldermen elected at the last poll a by-election would be held to fill the vacancies. It was the consensus of opinion at the City Hall to-day. In no event, it is said, will the nearest defeated candidate be stepped up into position on the result of the figures polled in the civic election in December. Alderman W. H. Cullin was runner up for the fifth seat on the council, some sixty votes behind Alderman-elect H. O. Litchfield, with John A. Worthington next. The disqualification of Mr. Litchfield, if that is the outcome, would not seat Mr. Cullin, it was stated to-day, though this phase of the situation is subject to further review.

If the city is faced with a by-election an added cost of \$300 will be put on the cost of the December poll. The whole problem has turned attention to the duty of candidates to stand for election. The onus is on the candidate to show that he is qualified to stand, it was made clear to-day, and any candidate has to file a declaration to that effect.

The city's responsibility rests with the assurance that the candidate, with his proposer and seconder, are qualified voters of the city. Penalties are provided for candidates who actually sit as a result of improper qualifications, and other penalties are provided for candidates who are elected but fail to act. If Mr. Litchfield is declared to be unelected he will not be sworn in, but his election treated as if it had not occurred, and a by-election held to fill the vacancy, is the present view at the City Hall.

Interviewed this morning by The Times Mr. Litchfield stated that he had offered his name to the people sincere in the belief that he held every qualification necessary. "I am not qualified," he said, "and that's what I observed, adding that he was willing to abide by whatever ruling was made by the authorities on his case."

Alderman E. S. Woodward publicly disassociated himself to-day with any connection with the attempt to unseat Mr. Litchfield. He was among the first to convey news of the attempt to the candidate in fact, stated Mr. Woodward.

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Hogan 109
Miss Omond 109
First-Pullet 109
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D. Hogan 109
Chief Sponsor 109
Canny Lady 109
Ben 109
Harris's Heir 109
Second race—Five furlongs.
Olympian King 107
Chet 108
D. Hogan 108
Mary Kinkead 99
Nimira Sol 102
Apres Moi 102
Hogan 102
Dr. Scott 105
Volley 109
Ladie Broadwater 107
Dew 107
Forty Two 117
Virginia Hedwig 102
Belle 105
Billy D 29
Third race—One mile and seventy yards.
Nancy Winet 105
Wood Lad 105
Hardman 110
Zing 102
Lady Choco 102
Pul of Fun 102
Contusion 105
Sportman 105
Jamaica 105
Aristotle 105
Roller 97
Fourth race—Five furlongs.
Common Gold 107
Bank Jr. 108
Matinee Idol 105
Ferah 110
Ray Roberts 110
Irish Brigade 110
Doc McMahon 110
The Franciscan 105
Luncheon 105
Fifth race—Four and one-half furlongs.
Worth While 115
Tetravlass 118
Prisoner 118
First Dance 110
Conquistador 114
Gumbroos 107
Tony Dixon 107
Harbinger 110
Sun Affinity 115
Somer's Heir 110
Shadash 110
Sixth race—Six furlongs.
Bronx 108
Better Luck 105
Island Fairy 105
Royal Princess 105
Escapade 110
Frances Rock 109
Nell Maxim 109
Rosamond 102
Seventh race—Five furlongs.
Edmon 104
Bennett 112
Bommeran 110
Snookale K. 112
Lady Rose 112
Queen Anne 112
Bonnie Lizzie 115
Follow Me 110
A. Lester 115
War Belle 115
Cap and Gown 104
Picnic 109
Guinea Gold 106
Full Point 112
Stroller 112
Eighth race—Six furlongs.
Water Shot 105
Belle K. 115
Kitty B. 115
Miss Emmert 115
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"In '30 Below Zero,' his latest Fox film, he abandons the horse and the good, solid earth for the thrills of the air when he embarks on a mammoth airplane headed for Arctic regions. For Buck has remained a stunt man even though he has soared to the heights of stardom.

He has always loved adventure though his bashful, diffident, slow-moving manner and drawing speech would fool anyone. Before entering motion pictures he was a daredevil rider and a cowboy with an uncanny skill for making a rope behave in strange and educated ways, in the "101 Ranch" show.

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The management of the Playhouse Theatre is offering "Puss in Boots," a full-length pantomime next week, in three acts without intermissions. A colorful production is promised. Mr. McKay, the genial stage manager has his crew of assistants at work building special scenery for the production and there is a wealth of costumes. "Just a few more days and then it will be here," says the management. Tickets for reserved seats now on sale at the box office.

ON SCREEN

"The Gilded Highway" beckoned alluringly to the Welby family, and they followed its call to learn anew the old lesson that money cannot bring happiness, and that greed sows the seeds of discontent more rapidly than simple living.

Such is the lesson to be gained from this J. Stuart Blackton production for Warner Bros., at the Playhouse Theatre.

While the story, which was adapted by Marian Constance from W. B.

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Parrell MacDonald impersonates
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striking figure in his picturesque
costume. It was thoroughly in-
spected by members of the force in
Jasper National Park, Alberta, just
as he went before the camera.

But MacDonald does not wear his
uniform throughout the play. He ap-
pears in civilian blue serge in a se-
quence that takes him to New York
where he goes in search of Valencia,
the French-Canadian girl imper-
sonated by Olive Borden, star of the
drama.

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wood's novel of the same
name. This splendid romance of
adventure is of such general
interest that it has continued to
be one of the best selling of all
writers' works. The film version is
said to be a splendid picturization
of the action and characterization of
the book.

Exteriors of "The Country Beyond"
were filmed in the virgin forests of
the Canadian Rockies under the di-
rection of Irving Cummings.

One of the Lon Chaney's earliest
major roles, which is also held to
be among his greatest, is the dual
part he plays in the Universal-Jewel
production, "Outside the Law," in
which Priscilla Dean is the star.
Todd Browning established himself
as a great director in producing
this astounding crook melodrama
which enjoyed an enviable success
a few years ago and has recently
been revived for local showing at
the Dominion Theatre all this week.

In addition to Priscilla Dean and
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Last Minute News on Stocks and Financial Affairs

New York, Dec. 23 (By R. P. Clark and Company)—In absence of any particular news developments of importance prices on the whole displayed a steady tone throughout the session with strength rather pronounced in a few specialties. General Motors was a strong spot in the automobile group, reflecting report of a material increase over the corresponding period of last year. The rails as a class displayed a firm tone.

The hardening of call money which latterly attracted some attention did not seem to be a factor of importance, as a firming tendency was looked for.

Aside from advancing tendencies in isolated quarters, the market may likely be an irregular affair for a while, particularly so in advance of the holidays.

New York, Dec. 23 (By B.C. Bond Corporation's Direct Wall Street Wire)—The Wall Street Journal's stock market edition this afternoon says: Wall Street was put in a cheerful holiday attitude by the strength displayed by representative rails in today's session. Call money tightened to 6 per cent, but this was regarded as a natural result of heavy Christmas demands, and it failed to dampen bullish ardor.

News of a market hearing was scarce, but the principal factors in the day's activities were clearly the large amounts becoming available for reinvestment, which will be swollen to huge proportions by the January interest and dividend payments due the first of the year. This influence was strongly observable in the action of standard stocks whose long standing dividend records give them an investment favor.

Attention, which is looked upon as one of the leaders of the investment rails in view of the position it is in to pay a stock dividend mounted to the highest levels on record, while buying of good character came into N.Y. Central and Pennsylvania.

In the industrial list, such as American Smelting, Baldwin and other issues with large surpluses and record brick dividends, high priced specialties with a small floating supply, including Texas Land Trust, East Iron Pipe and Commercial Solvents ran up in the afternoon so that the trading on the upside went ahead spiritedly most of the day.

Price movements in the early dealers indicated that inside position of the market had been greatly strengthened by the reactionary tendencies which characterized trading during the last half of the week. Active demand was again in evidence, for many representative stocks bringing about resumption of the forward movement in various sections of the list.

Several high priced issues scored sharp advances. Increasing bullishness was aroused in the morning by evidence that re-investment demand was playing an important part in the action of seasoned dividend stocks and other standard rails were taken in large blocks, and brokers reported that the purchases were being taken out of the market. Speculative sentiment was not disturbed by the tightening of the demand rate and it was clearly due to seasonal causes.

Eleven new companies, with prospective operations ranging from fur raising to timbering, were incorporated at the Parliament Buildings during the last half of the week in British Columbia. They were as follows:

Geeshart Fur Company Limited, \$10,000, Vancouver, private.
Pneumatic Grain Trimmers Limited, \$150,000, Vancouver, private.
B.C. Metal Products Limited, \$50,000, Vancouver, private.
Stewart Motor Trucks Limited, \$25,000, Vancouver, private.
Granville Music Shops Limited, \$35,000, Vancouver, private.
Canadian Photos Limited, \$10,000, Vancouver, private.
Mount Dewdney Stock Ranch Limited, \$25,000, Vancouver, private.
Delta Land Company Limited, \$25,000, Vancouver, private.
United Lode Mining Company Limited (non-personal liability), \$1,000,000, Trail, public.
Western L-On-O-Tone Limited, \$10,000, Vancouver, private.
Mountain View Orchards Limited, \$10,000, Vernon, private.
Extra provincial companies registered:

Nitinat Timber Company, \$60,000, Souris, North Dakota, and Victoria, California; head office at Wilmington, Delaware, U.S.A.; head office in British Columbia, at Vancouver; capital \$60,000,000.

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Conner Norton	25
Highland	25
Midwest	25
Urban	25
Dalhousie	185
Timber	110
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METAL MARKETS
London, Dec. 23.—Standard copper, spot, 110 1/2; 150,000 lb. futures, 110 1/2. Electrolytic, spot, 110 1/2; 150,000 lb. futures, 110 1/2. Zinc, spot, 110 1/2; 150,000 lb. futures, 110 1/2. Lead, spot, 110 1/2; 150,000 lb. futures, 110 1/2. Tin, spot, 110 1/2; 150,000 lb. futures, 110 1/2.

New York, Dec. 23.—Copper dist. electrolytic, spot, 110 1/2; 150,000 lb. futures, 110 1/2. Tin, spot, 110 1/2; 150,000 lb. futures, 110 1/2. Lead, spot, 110 1/2; 150,000 lb. futures, 110 1/2. Zinc, spot, 110 1/2; 150,000 lb. futures, 110 1/2.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DECEMBER 23, 1926
(Summarized by two local stockbrokers over direct New York wire)

High	Low	Close
Allied Chemical	144 1/2	144 1/2
Alcoa	100 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Can.	100 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Oil	100 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Steel	100 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Sugar	100 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Tobacco	100 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Wire	100 1/2	100 1/2
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TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Exportation of wheat from Vancouver has greatly increased in volume during the past few weeks, due in part to lowering of charter rates, and also to the close of lake navigation.

The Northwestern Grain Dealers' estimate is partly discounted. Many are believing that the estimate of 68,000,000 bushels yet in farmers' hands will prove too high when all is shipped, and that the final report will show less wheat.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The Northwestern Grain Dealers estimate the wheat on the prairies at 371,000,000 bushels, compared with the government report of 381,000,000 bushels.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—A pre-holiday quietness featured the Winnipeg Grain Market to-day. Unofficial final estimates of the crop yield in Western Canada which placed production at a slightly below figures expected, failed to influence the trend of business to any extent.

Closing prices were 3 1/2 to 4 cents higher, December 1926, May 1926, and July 1926.

The market showed early strength and maintained its firmness throughout the absence of buying pressure. There was a moderate export trade, Italy and France taking a fair supply.

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THE MAN THE WOMEN LOVED

BY RUBY M. AYRES

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He shrugged his shoulders. "I never troubled. It was all done through lawyers. He laughed wryly. "There was no profit for me or I might have been more interested."

"I see." Suddenly she turned, looking up at him, her cheeks flushed and her eyes shining. "I was the purchaser, Pat," she said quietly.

"You!" "Yes. Oh, don't look so angry. I knew you hated the thought of losing the house, and I wanted to save it for you. I have so much money, so I bought it and I did it all up in the way I thought you would like it to be done—and now it's let—but only for a little while. It's rushed on eagerly. "Only till—if you ever feel that you would like to live there again."

Her meaning was unmistakable and a wave of emotion crossed Heffron's face. "You're very kind—I can't thank you—I mean—but it's—impossible. Look here, Isabel, we're friends, and so I can tell you the truth. There is only one woman I ever wished to make my wife, and she—"

Isabel broke in gently. "I know, Dorothy. I always knew." A deep flush flooded Heffron's face from chin to brow, and for a moment he felt physically sick as he realized how inadequate after all was his shamed fencing about of the past, but he only answered gently. "No, not Dorothy—I did not mean Dorothy." And then the conversation was interrupted by John's entrance.

"What's this I hear about you running away again?" he challenged Heffron. "I thought you would stay through the summer at least."

"It's good of you, John, but it's impossible." Morland looked at his sister. "Can't you persuade him, Isabel?" Isabel shook her head; her face was rather white and her eyes were "I'm afraid I can't, John."

She slipped out of the room, closing the door behind her. "I wish you'd stay," John said again, irritably. "I looked to you to stand by me for the next two weeks."

"What do you mean?" "I told you—if Mollie will have me."

Heffron broke in with rough passion. "My God, that's no affair of mine! This place is sufficiently memory-haunted for me already."

John grew offended. "Well, if that's how you look at things, how do you imagine I feel about it?"

Heffron laid a hand on his friend's shoulder. "I'm sorry, I shouldn't have said that. But I can't stay, I really can't, and John—"

"Well." "You might leave your—your new venture till I'm safely out of the way. It only means a day or two longer."

"You're not leaving us so soon?" "I am. I wired yesterday for a berth in a boat going East on the twenty-second."

John frowned. "You're a run beggar," he grumbled. "What on earth did you come home for if you only meant to stay a week?"

"Because I'm a damned fool," Heffron answered. "You'll change your mind, but he was wrong. Heffron smiled on the twenty-second as he had said, and he only saw Mollie again for a moment on the morning of his departure."

"I'm sorry—I might have understood that you could not, I'm sorry! Please forgive me and forget it!" His hand went out to her, then fell again to his side.

"I'll go. Good night." He began to walk away, but suddenly she cried out: "Wait! Please, please, I want to tell you something."

But when he came back and stood silently waiting, it was some seconds before she could find words. "I suppose I ought not to tell you. I suppose I ought not to have more pride than to tell you, but I must. I think I always knew that some day I should have to—and now, it's come. Mr. Heffron, if you—if you had asked me to marry you four years ago, I should have been the happiest girl in the world. No, no, please don't speak, or touch me," she broke out passionately, and he made a swift movement towards her, and she went on:

"I was only a girl then—only nineteen when I first met you. Perhaps you don't remember—but I do! You never took any notice of me," she laughed brokenly. "But I loved the very ground you walked on. I used to try to meet you—you to go of my way just to look at you, even if you never saw me. I used to

wait there just to see you go by when you went to John's or came back. Oh, I know it all sounds mad and foolish, but I must tell you, oh, I must tell you!"

"She went on feverishly, unheeding the interruption. "You never gave me a thought, I know, but all the same, if you just spoke to me, I was happy all day, so happy that I—"

She stopped with a little choking breath, and when she spoke again it was with painful slowness, as if every word hurt.

"It was foolish to follow you about as I did, I know—the sort of thing a sentimental school-girl would do. I know I ought to have been ashamed, but I wasn't! But in the end I had my punishment, I had my punishment. She was sobbing as she struggled on.

"One day I saw you with Dorothy—one day I— and now the tears came—and the fragile, wispy words, the most precious Heffron's heart and broke her own. "Oh, I know—now! That's why I said I was sorry."

"Mollie! Mollie! Mollie!" The words were dragged from Heffron's lips in a groan as he caught her arms in a grip that hurt, but she made no effort to resist him, she just stood shaking and sobbing in his grasp.

"And I loved you, I loved you," she sobbed over and over again, hardly knowing what she was saying. "I wanted to be your wife, I loved you. I wanted to be your wife."

"Mollie! Mollie! Mollie!" He let her go so suddenly that she almost fell, and turning from her he laid his arms down on the gate by which she had so often waited to see him go by, burying his face in them. "Mollie! Mollie! Mollie!"

She looked at him apathetically, the tears running down her face, her breast rising and falling still with that dreadful sobbing, then she said in the faintest whisper, as she had said before: "Poor little Pat!" and then again: "So you see I couldn't marry you, could I?"

Mollie had not heard that Heffron was going; she had tried deliberately to hear nothing of his movements, but she happened to be on the platform when he arrived there, with John and Isabel and little Pat to see him off.

Pat was crying noisily as a child sometimes will when a favorite visitor departs, and it was only when he caught sight of Mollie that his tears were momentarily checked as he ran towards her.

"What is the matter?" she asked, stooping to lift him up in her arms. She felt a little faint and giddy, and all the blood in her body seemed to be rushing to her head. "Uncle Pat going away," little Pat told her mournfully, clinging about her neck and looking back at the others over his shoulder.

"Going away?" Mollie whispered. John came forward. "Where have you been hiding, Mollie?" he demanded. He was pleased to see Pat clinging to her.

"I shall be doing the right thing if she will marry me," he told himself. Isabel and Heffron joined them.

"Where have you been all the week?" Isabel asked. She looked pale and there were shadows round her eyes as if from recent tears. "I've been busy," Mollie answered. "Bim's been home with a chill, and you know what he is to amuse."

"She forced her eyes to Heffron's face. "So you are really going off again?" she managed to say lightly. "Yes." For the life of him, he could find no more than just the monosyllable, and Isabel broke in with forced gaiety:

"He's going East this time, and so that really means goodbye, I tell him. The East will keep you, Patrick." The train came steaming in and goodbyes began. From behind the shield of little Pat's body and clinging arms, Mollie looked at Heffron. His face was set in hard lines and his eyes were tragic although his lips smiled resolutely.

To be continued

BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggly's Funny Tree

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By HOWARD R. GARIS

"Dear! Dear! Dear!" Uncle Wiggly heard his wife murmuring in the front hall of the hollow stump bungalow one morning. "She can't be speaking to me, for I am not there," thought the bunny gentleman to himself. "Neither can she be speaking to the grocer cat about the price of carrots, saying

and coats dropped by the rabbit children who had come in from playing out in the snow.

"I wonder why they will never learn to hang up their things," sighed Mrs. Longears. "Dear, dear, dear!" "Ah, now I know why she said that," thought Uncle Wiggly. "And I am going to fix it so she will not have to say that again. The little bunnies ought to hang up their things. It isn't right that their mother should always be picking up after them."

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days and part of another—so, all of a quickness, he said: "I'll get her one for Christmas! It will be a very useful present!"

No sooner said than done—or at least started. Over the fields and through the woods hopped the bunny gentleman.

A little later you might have seen him, if you had the right sort of eyes, hopping back toward his hollow stump bungalow. Under his paw Uncle Wiggly carried something long and thin wrapped in brown paper. Mr. Twisty-tail, the pig gentleman, met the rabbit and asked in a grunting voice: "What have you there?"

"It's a tree," said Uncle Wiggly. Mr. Twisty-tail looked at the long, thin thing and then at the bunny before he said: "It's a very funny tree, if you ask me."

"I didn't ask you," spoke Uncle Wiggly, "but thanks for telling me, just the same. Of course it's a funny tree. It's for a funny family."

"Oh, a family tree?" grunted the pig. "You might call it that," said the bunny.

So the pig grunted: "Funny tree! Funny tree! Funny tree!" He put another quink in his tail and added: "It's no use!" "No use what?" asked Uncle Wiggly.

"No use calling it a funny tree," said the pig. "It won't come to me by that name. This may be a joke but I don't see it."

"Of course this funny tree can't come when it's going," went on the bunny with a laugh. "It's going to my bungalow as a present to my wife."

"Look here!" squealed Mr. Twisty-tail. "If you call that thing under your arm a tree then I'm—What he was he did not say—all of a sudden, there was a rustling noise in the bushes and Uncle Wiggly cried: "Here comes the Wolf!"

"Oh, what shall we do?" squealed the pig. "There is no place to hide!"

Uncle Wiggly suddenly set up-right on the ground the long thing he carried. It stood there firmly, and when the papers were taken off the pig saw what it was.

"A hat tree!" he squealed. "Exactly!" said Uncle Wiggly. "It isn't a tree that hats grow on but a tree upon which to hang hats so they won't be on the floor. Come on, climb up my funny tree!"

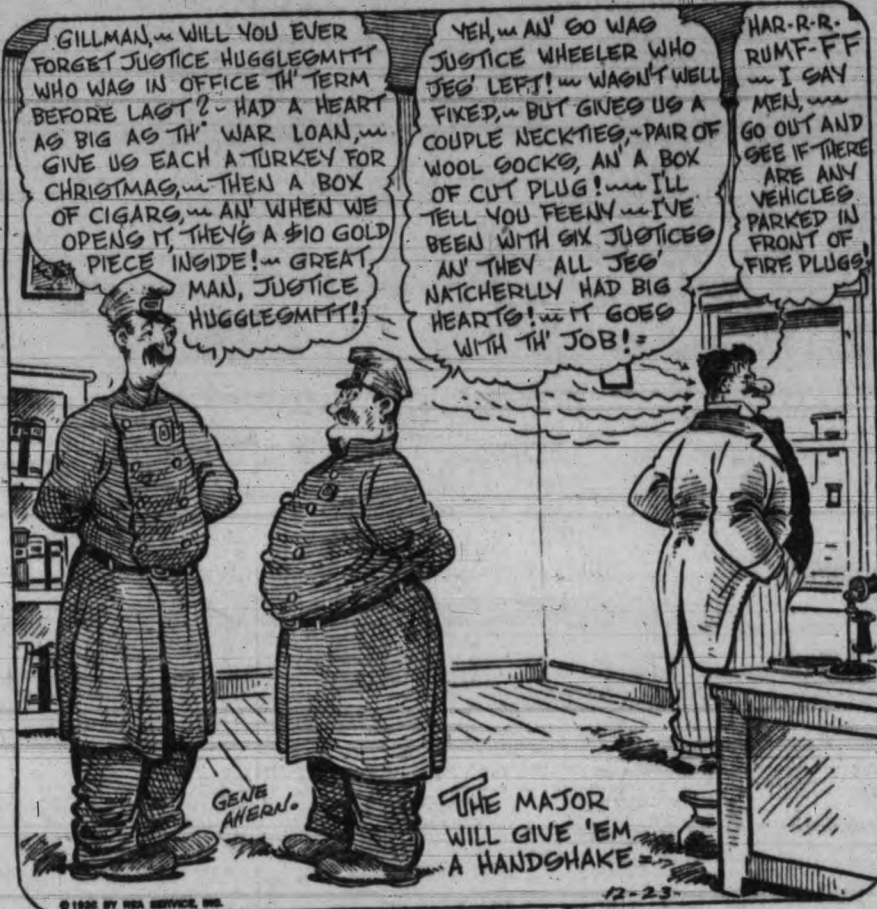
So Uncle Wiggly and the pig climbed the hat tree, hanging on by the pegs until the Wolf slunk past. The bad chap looked around in surprise, but luckily he didn't look up and he growled: "I thought I saw a rabbit here, but it's only a funny hat tree. I must go back home and get my hat to hang up." Then never looking up high enough to see the bunny and pig clinging to the hat pegs of the funny tree, the Wolf ran home to get his hat. And of course when he got back there was no bunny, pig or tree. And he was more puzzled than ever, was that Wolf.

However, if the rubber boot will get out walking with the candy cane, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggly's Christmas.

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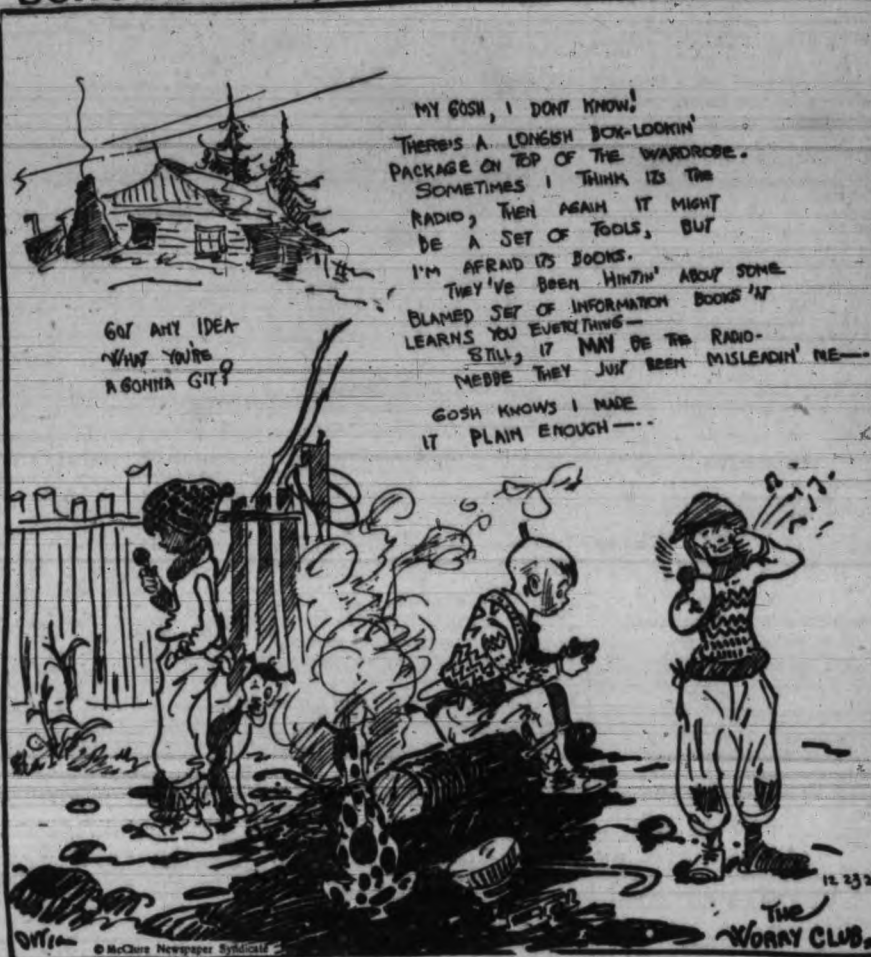
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TWO KILLED BY TRAIN

Sudbury, Ont., Dec. 23.—Struck by a C.P.R. freight train at a crossing, Albert Lamotte, forty-three, and his wife, aged forty, were killed last night. The couple were driving with a horse and cutter and a dense fog prevailed at the time. The horse escaped injury, being recaptured

about a mile from the scene of the accident.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

New York, Dec. 23.—Nineteen children of New York policemen killed in line of duty were guests at a Christmas party given by Benjamin Gigli, Metropolitan tenor, at his home yesterday.

BETTING SYSTEMS HOLD COUNCIL EYE IN SPIRITED RALLY

Startling Demonstration is Given of How Present System Can be Falsified

City Told of Four Organizations Willing to Bid on Willows Concession

How to protect the public in its horse race betting became the focal point of a discussion which waged for two hours in the council chamber yesterday afternoon, when B.C. racing interests met Mayor Pandey and the City Council sitting as a committee of the whole. At the close of the discussion the Australian automatic betting machine had visibly gained ground over its rival, the system of "bookies on bloc."

CAN "BEAT" SYSTEM

Startling revelations of how the present system in use on Canadian tracks could be used by dishonest persons to their own gain and to the public loss, were made by Percy Fox, speaking on behalf of the Colwood Park Association, users of the automatic betting machine in 1925. Mr. Fox made it clear that he had no charges to make. Then he demonstrated with ticket racks how a percentage of the tickets on each horse in a race could be abstracted without the knowledge of the police supervisors. He was free to admit, continued Mr. Fox, that he did not believe a single racing association in the Province would condone this theft, but a dishonest ticket seller could make a considerable haul, he showed.

Speakers on behalf of three organizations advised the city they were prepared to bid for the concession if the automatic betting machines were left out. One association, the Colwood Park Association, said that it was willing to install the machines not only at its own property but also on the city ground if they proved to be the successful tenders.

AGAINST MACHINES

W. D. Geoghegan, on behalf of Vancouver racing associations, said mainland interests would bid if the automatic betting machines were not insisted on by the city. The same line was taken by E. T. "Babe" Harris, who said he was appearing on behalf of himself, and would bid if no change was made in the present system. T. Cresswell, for the Vancouver Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, hinted at a fourth bid, also denying the use of the machines.

The committee rose after it had heard all representations advanced, but not before it had learned a good deal of information about racing in B.C. that was news to the ears of the various aldermen present. The result of the meeting, it is understood, has strengthened the determination of the committee to insist on the electric betting machines if any racing is to be held at the Willows in 1927. W. D. Geoghegan, who introduced himself as secretary of the Lansdowne Park Association, the Hastings Park Association, the Columbia Country Club and other bodies incorporated under the B.C. Racing Association, made sweeping allegations against what he described as the inefficiency of the Australian automatic betting machines.

WAS ON LOSER

Mr. Geoghegan said he had been

identified with racing in this Province for seven years, and had seen the automatic machine in operation at Colwood in 1925. He produced three tickets which he had bought on a defeated horse, and which he said showed that the operation of the machine was inaccurate and could occasion loss.

The machines, he charged Mr. Geoghegan specifically, printed weak numbers, and did not always record the correct totals. The automatic betting machines were not readily portable, cost a large sum of money and had been definitely turned down at Tia Juana and at other places on this continent, he asserted.

The present system of personal betting was in use all over Canada, and it was only within the province of the Federal Department of Agriculture to change it, contended Mr. Geoghegan in taking his seat, after producing wires and letters in reference to replies he had received to queries he had sent out as to the use of the new betting machines. Mr. Geoghegan agreed to the filing of this correspondence with the committee where, in company with the three tickets, they became "Exhibits 1 and 2."

WANT NO CHANGE

In reply to further questions Mr. Geoghegan volunteered the information that the organizations to which he was acting wanted to bid on the Willows meet, but would not do so if the automatic betting machines were installed.

Robert Leitch, describing himself as an official of the Vancouver Racing Association, told the committee he had been interested in racing since 1913, and that he had never laid a wager, but had taken a keen interest in everything else, particularly the system in which the betting was conducted.

SAYS BOOKIES BEST

The speaker described his experiences at Australian race meets, where he affirmed "bookies" were most in favor, despite the operation of the automatic betting machines. Mr. Leitch said it was his opinion that the operation of the Willows under the former system had been the track in best conducted half-mile track in Ottawa officials on a visit here had said so, he concluded.

In reply to questions, Mr. Leitch said he had associated with racing since 1913, and that he had been a member of the Willows meet, and at the last Willows meet, he had seen a copy of a letter from the Federal Department of Agriculture, in answer to a direct query from himself.

MACHINES APPROVED

His letter was signed by E. Stephens, Acting Deputy Minister, and read as follows: "I have to acknowledge receipt of your wire of the eleventh with reference to the Australian machine, and I would advise you that this department has approved the Australian machine, as being satisfactory under the provisions of the criminal code. I would point out, however, that this department has not made the use of the machine compulsory on any Canadian track, and it is not the intention to do so for the present, at any rate."

"The form of totalisator board used on the British Columbia tracks this year was quite satisfactory as was the department requirements under the present conditions were concerned, and while in the event of any racing association undertaking to put in the Australian machine, we would be prepared to authorize its use, the department does not feel that it is in a position to require that this machine shall be used."

AGENT EXPLAINS

James de H. Curtis, Canadian agent for the Australian machine, was next heard. Mr. Curtis produced the actual tickets used in the machine at Colwood Park. He readily admitted that the machine had jammed three times, but this was a defect in non-understanding operation and easily remedied, he said. Weakly printed numbers of some tickets, he said, were due to a stoppage in the machine from the same primary cause, and these tickets had not been allowed to pass out to the public. The tickets bore a secret code on the back which prevented forgery, and offset "raising" or other corrupt practices, he explained.

As to the machine itself, continued Mr. Curtis, it had been in use in Australia at all the large tracks for over ten years. It was used at Longchamps, France, and at many other world-famous meets. In Australia hundreds of thousands of pounds had been bet through the machines which were a recognized part of all the important meetings. Mr. Curtis declined to publish the cost of the machines, beyond stating that the price would be the same to everyone for the same capacity of machine, and this the figure could be ascertained by those who definitely meant business.

In reply to questions the agent stated machines were specially built to take care of any number of horses and consisted of two parts—ticket issuers and the computation of odds. Price, he affirmed, was a matter of individual contract, but there was only one price for the same capacity machine, exclusive of carriage. A hot cross-dire of questions awaited Mr. Curtis when he had completed his initial statement to the committee. E. T. "Babe" Harris, stating that he had come prepared to bid on the Willows concession, asked point blank for the price of the electric betting machines. W. D. Geoghegan, who on behalf of Vancouver racing interests had formerly declared that they would not bid if the machines were to be used, asked Mr. Curtis for the price of his product.

Percy Fox, who appeared with Hon. T. G. Coventry for the Colwood Park Association, submitted it was unfair to an agent to force him into the disclosure of what was a matter of private arrangement. If the same conditions and prices applied to all tracks or associations, what difference did it make, he asked.

COULD CHEAT

It was from Mr. Fox that the committee got its first consecutive story of the actual operation of the electric betting machines. After demonstrating that it was possible under the present system for a dishonest person to abstract a considerable block of tickets from the ticket racks right under the eyes of

the supervisors if he felt so inclined. Mr. Fox made the allegation that all race tracks in B.C. had suffered from pilfering in the past. He did not presume to say that any association would be dishonest enough to profit by the practice against the public or the Government, but because the deceit was a possibility it should be guarded against, continued Mr. Fox. The speaker then displayed a ticket rack and showed graphically how tallies are kept on the number of tickets sold and how this total could be rendered worthless through the operation of a dishonest ticket seller.

The tickets missing from the racks and not presented for payment were known as "outs." Only "outs" on the winning horses could be counted in computing what sums might be called on the concessionaires by holders of tickets presenting them. Tally, Mr. Fox went on to explain, Tallies were taken by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who went down the line of the tickets in the racks preparing duplicate sheets of the totals thus disclosed. This system, continued Mr. Fox, did not catch the dishonest abstractor, if one were operating, and that was never known until it was too late to do anything about.

THEFTS IMPOSSIBLE

Under the electric betting machine abstraction was an impossibility, as were errors in a machine that was functioning properly. The automatic machines were as simple in operation as a cash register, continued Mr. Fox, explaining to the committee the mechanical make-up and fool-proof devices which had won the machine its present standing in Australia.

Former speakers continued Mr. Fox, had failed to state that while three jacks had been in the Colwood machine, that these faults were found to be the result of lack of knowledge of the machine, and had been cured by a Victoria electrician. For the three last days of the Colwood meet the machine had operated perfectly and without an error. Under this plan every dollar bet was recorded, and every ticket sold was recorded as sold, while totals in each race were carried currently, he said. Far from having trouble with weak numbers on tickets the system, he said, had made forgery impossible, or as nearly impossible as the ordinary cheque that is presented at a bank for payment.

MACHINES A SAVING

Mr. Fox closed his statement by saying that during the use of the automatic betting machine at Colwood in 1925, the association had saved \$2,000 for the racing season. The machine would have been more if the Colwood association had been able to get more machines on the ground in time. The use of the machine, he said, had enabled the association to employ less employees to be engaged, and less chance of fraudulent practices, causing loss to the association, to the public, the Government and to all concerned.

The Colwood Park Association having used the machines was going to continue their use at Colwood, and would install the same at the Willows if their tender proved to be the best submitted to the city, said T. G. Coventry in support of Mr. Fox.

Mr. Fox was subjected to a cross fire of questions after his exposition of what might be possible with a ticket rack in the hands of a dishonest manipulator. The discussion finally turned again to the price of the automatic betting machines. Mr. Fox said the price was \$500, but the position that was a matter for the agent to take up with intending purchasers as his own affair. Colwood figured the machines were a saving in the long run, if a capital expenditure at the moment, he said.

Mr. Geoghegan wanted to know what became of the machines after a race had started. Did it continue to sell tickets in that race? he asked.

Mr. Fox explained that all machines were automatically locked by the pressing of a button in the judge's stand. No tickets could be any chance be sold from the machines after that and before the machines were again electrically freed for the next race.

T. Cresswell, who introduced himself as secretary of the Vancouver Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, informed the committee that his association had a charter and were expecting to bid. Mr. Cresswell, it developed, did not favor the automatic machine, but in expressing himself he fell foul of the temper of the committee, and was requested to sit down.

Mr. Geoghegan volunteered that if the city let the present racing system alone for the year 1927, the mainland operators would be willing to take selected representatives of the city and allow them behind the scenes during the race meet.

He was informed by the chairman of the meeting that the city intended to take that precaution itself in any event, whether men or machines were used for the recording of wagers next year.

In view of the extraordinarily keen interest now displayed in the Willows racing concession, could you tell me, Mr. Geoghegan, how it was your associations only paid \$500 for it this year? Alderman Marchant wanted to know.

"Well, no one pays more than they have to," commented Mr. Geoghegan. The meeting adjourned without further discussion.

Here is Problem For Realty Experts

Marble Head, Mass., Dec. 23.—Realtors here are up against a problem said to be unique. Several old residents presenting the custom of bequeathing part of a residence, or even one room, to individual heirs. Now separated deeds have to be obtained before the house can be handled.

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FIRST SCHOOLHOUSE CONVERSION INTO MUSEUM ADVANCED

Old Craigflower School to Become Museum in Park Setting

Conversion of Old Craigflower School into a historical museum, under control of the Native Sons and Native Daughters Societies of British Columbia, advanced another stage last night, when the Esquimalt School Board approved of proposals enlarging the land area to be placed under the care of the societies.

The original proposals contemplated placing the old school building under the control of the two societies with enough land to provide access to the historic structure. At the instance of the Native Sons and Native Daughters Societies, the board enlarged the land area concerned, to embrace the whole of the plot whereon the schoolhouse stands, an area of about one acre.

Chairman Hobbs reported that the Provincial Government was favorable to installing the two societies as trustees of Old Craigflower School, and was authorized to carry on further negotiations. The societies, however, proposed that the grounds be improved as a public park and no unsightly buildings be constructed.

WILL APPEAL FINE ON COLWOOD RACE

Magistrate Holds Monte Carlo Inn Not an Inn and Fines Proprietor

Ruling that the Monte Carlo Chicken Dinner Inn is really a restaurant, Magistrate George Jay fined M. A. Simmons, the proprietor, \$75 when the case was before him in the Provincial Police Court yesterday afternoon. The fine was on a charge of allowing liquor to be drunk on his premises. A week ago a guest of the same house, who was fined for having liquor there, claimed to have rented a room on the premises.

Simmons took the stand in his own behalf yesterday and was defended by H. A. Maclean, K.C. Sergeant Robert Owens and Constables Thomson and Meadows, all of whom were in the raid on the Monte Carlo Inn on the night of December 1, gave testimony yesterday. A. M. Johnson, K.C., prosecuted.

Mr. Johnson, at the conclusion of the case, stated that he thought a minimum fine would meet requirements. His Honor added \$25 to the minimum and fined the accused \$75. Mr. Maclean immediately declared

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Announcement

As there will be no issue of The Times on Christmas Day, the usual Saturday featured pages will appear in Friday's issue, December 24.

he would appeal the case and the fine was paid under protest.

MIGRATION INVESTIGATION

Calgary, Dec. 23.—The Calgary branch of the immigration service is to investigate reports of the arrival in Calgary of immigrants in winter without funds. Three Finlanders who applied for aid at the relief office will be investigated to ascertain under what scheme of settlement they were induced to come to Canada.

at this time, H. B. Adshead, Labor M.P. for East Calgary, announces he will take the subject up in Parliament.

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